

BASEBALL ALBERTA PROVINCIAL LEAGUE - 2017 -



RULES, REGULATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS

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NEW RULES FOR 2017

Blackout Weekends for 'AA' teams

- All teams highly recommended to blackout only non-league weekends
- Teams are not allowed to blackout league weekends after the July long weekend

Player Eligibility

- Only players playing in Baseball Alberta leagues (House League, 'A', 'AA' and 'AAA') are eligible for teams to use as affiliate players and be eligible to be picked up for Provincials/Westerns/Nationals

Provincial Championship Pre-Tournament Meetings

- Pre-Tournament meetings can now be done by email
- Provincial Championship host sites will receive a pre-tournament meeting agenda template that is to be sent out to all team managers prior to the tournament outlining the tournament contacts, location and guidelines.

The following bat rules were adopted by Baseball Canada for 2017

- For 13U, 16U Girls, 21U Women and Senior Women National Championships, a max barrel of 2 3/4" with (i) a 1.15 BPF (Bat Performance Factor) or (ii) USA Baseball Model with BBCOR "wood like" BPF is permitted. For the 13U National Championships using up to a minus 10-length/weight differential is permitted. For 16U Girls, 21U Women and Senior Women National Championships using up to a minus 5 length/weight differential is permitted.
- Some of the aforementioned bat types will likely not be available for 2017; however, this rule still allows bats under the previous rule to be used.
- USSSA 1.15 and USABB bats will be both approved for play under Baseball Canada rules for the 11U and under categories. This allows for all previous & current 2 1/4", 2 5/8" and 2 3/4" USSSA 1.15 certified bats to be used. USABB bats (with 2 3/4" barrels) will not be available here until 2018.

Residence Criteria

- Player residency will be defined as the residence of the player's parents or legal guardians. Acceptable proof of a player's residence will be a certified true photocopy of government issued identification (such as a driver's license or passport) of the player's parent(s) or legal guardian. Players who are subject to the joint custody of parents who are not cohabitating may use the address of either parent for the purposes of player registration. For extra clarity, billet addresses will no longer be accepted as residency for Baseball Alberta registration.
- Players will not be required to submit proof of residency at the time of registration with Baseball Alberta. Any player playing in Baseball Alberta's leagues may be required to submit proof of residency directly to Baseball Alberta upon request of the Registrar. The Registrar may make this request of players selected at random from League rosters or in situations where questions have been raised regarding the residence of a player.
- 'AAA' and 'AA' coaches will be required to review their team roster submission and certify that all player addresses are accurate and comply with Baseball Alberta residency requirements.
- Coaches who are found in violation of player residency or transfer rules will be suspended for the balance of the current season. Players who are found to be in violation of the residency rules will be ineligible for all League, Provincial, and post-Provincial play for the balance of the current season.
- Violations of the residency or player transfer rules may result in further sanctions at the discretion of the Executive of the Board of Directors of Baseball Alberta for the Association involved. These sanctions could include ineligibility of Association teams for Provincial and/or post-Provincial play, loss of funding for teams to attend post-Provincial Championships, and/or probation for one or more future seasons of Baseball Alberta League play.



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BASEBALL ALBERTA RULES CHART

Age Category/Division

Rule	Mosquito/Pee Wee	Mosquito	Pee Wee		Bantam		Midget	
Baseball*	A	AA	AA	AAA	A/AA	AAA	AA	AAA
		Rawlings 80CC/R100/ROML						
Mercy Rule	As per respective Mosquito or Pee Wee AA Rules	10 run differential after losing team completes 4th offensive inning	10 run differential after losing team completes 5th offensive inning					
Forfeit		6-0 score 15 offensive outs 18 defensive outs	7-0 score 18 offensive outs 21 defensive outs					
Courtesy Runner for Catcher**			Permitted			Round 1 Not Permitted Round 2 & 3 Permitted	Permitted (except if using unlimited substitution)	
Designated Hitter***			Not Permitted					
Extra Hitter****			Optional to All Teams					
Maximum Runs per Inning	5	Round 1 & 2 7 Round 3 Unlimited	Round 1 7 Round 2 & 3 Unlimited	Unlimited				
Time Limit	No new inning after 2.5 hours unless game is tied (except at Provincial Championship Tournament)		N/A	No new inning after 2.5 hours unless game is tied	N/A			
Fair Play*****	A player may not sit more than two consecutive defensive innings (one pitch constitutes an inning sat)	All players who are listed on the official lineup card will play a defensive position for 3 of his team's defensive outs and receive 1 plate appearance.						
Substitution	Unlimited Substitution	Round 1 & 2 Unlimited Substitution Round 3 Limited Substitution	Round 1 Unlimited Substitution Round 2 & 3 Limited Substitution	A Division Unlimited Substitution Round 1 & 2 (AA) Unlimited Substitution Round 3 (AA) Limited Substitution	Round 1 Unlimited Substitution Round 2 & 3 Limited Substitution	Round 1 & 2 Limited Substitution (optional unlimited substitution if both coaches agree) Round 3 Limited Substitution Round 3 (Tier I) Baseball Canada Rules (no re-entry)	Round 1 Baseball Canada Rules (no re-entry) (optional limited substitution if both coaches agree) Round 2 & 3 Baseball Canada Rules (no re-entry)	

* The Rawlings ROML baseball is recognized as the Official Baseball of Baseball Alberta and will be used at all Provincial Championships. Any Rawlings baseball is still an approved baseball for Baseball Alberta League play except the Provincial Championships.

** Courtesy runners are **NOT** permitted during the Provincial Championships at all levels.

*** The Designated Hitter (DH) is only permitted at the Midget age category for the Provincial Championships.

**** The Extra Hitter (EH) is **NOT** permitted during the Provincial Championships at all levels.

***** The Fair Play Rule for Pee Wee AA/AAA and Bantam A/AA/AAA does **NOT** apply at the Provincial Championships.

IMPORTANT DATES

Registration Deadlines	
Performance 'AAA' & Competitive 'AA' (Early Entry) Team Entry Deadline	April 10 th /March 15 th for Midget 'AAA'
Performance 'AAA' & Competitive 'AA' Roster Deadline	April 14 th
Association Membership Deadline	May 10 th
Competitive 'AA' (Late Entry) Deadline	May 15 th
Player & Coach Registration Deadline	June 1 st
Performance 'AAA' & Competitive 'AA' Coaches Respect In Sport & Online MED Evaluation Completion Deadline	June 2 nd
Community 'A' Team Entry & Roster Submission Deadline	June 12 th
Community 'A' Coaches Respect In Sport Completion Deadline	July 10 th
Provincial Championship Dates	
Girls Baseball Day in Canada Camp	TBA
Mosquito & Pee Wee Girls Provincial Championships	TBA
Community 'A' Provincial Championships	July 21 st – 23 rd
Mosquito, Pee Wee, Bantam & Midget 'AA' Tier III/IV/V Provincial Championships	July 28 th – 30 th
Mosquito, Pee Wee, Bantam & Midget 'AA' Tier I/II Provincial Championships	August 4 th – 6 th
Pee Wee & Bantam 'AAA' Tier I & II Provincial Championships	August 4 th – 6 th
Senior 'AA' Provincial Championship	August 4 th – 6 th
Midget 'AAA' Tier I Provincial Championships	August 6 th – 8 th
Senior AAA Sunburst League Playoffs	August 3 rd – 18 th
Baseball Canada and Western Canada Championships Dates	
Canada Summer Games	July 29 th – August 4 th (Winnipeg, MB)
Junior AAA Western Canada Championship	August 11 th – 13 th (Brandon, MB)
Midget AAA Western Canada Baseball Championships	August 10 th – 13 th (Steinbach, MB)
Western Canada/Baseball Canada Pee Wee AAA Regional	August 18 th – 20 th (Spruce Grove, AB)
Bantam AAA Western Canada Baseball Championships	August 17 th – 20 th (Kamloops, BC)
Baseball Canada Midget AAA National Championships	August 17 th – 20 th (London, ON)
'AA' Minor Western Canada Baseball Championships	August 18 th – 20 th (Kamloops, BC)
Pee Wee Girls Western Canada Baseball Championships	August 18 th - 20 th (TBD, BC)
Senior AA Western Canada Championships	August 18 th – 20 th (Prince George, BC)
Bantam Girls Invitational	August 17 th – 20 th (Vaughan, ON)
Pee Wee 'AAA' National Championship	August 24 th – 28 th (Repentigny, QC)
Baseball Canada Bantam AAA National Championships	August 24 th – 28 th (Summerside, PEI)
Baseball Canada Senior Men National Championships	August 24 th – 28 th (Victoria, BC)
Senior Women Invitational Championship	August 3 rd – 6 th (TBD)

LEAGUE OBJECTIVES

'AAA' Division

The objective of the Provincial 'AAA' League is to provide a highly competitive and developmental level of play for players/teams at the Pee Wee, Bantam and Midget age categories in a Province-wide format. Provincial 'AAA' Leagues will operate on a Province-wide basis for the entire season.

'AA' Division

The objective of the Provincial 'AA' League is to provide a competitive yet developmental level of play for players/teams at the Mosquito, Pee Wee, Bantam and Midget age categories in a Province-wide format. Provincial 'AA' Leagues will operate on a 3-round seeding basis, with teams playing in a Regional format in May, a North/South Divisional format in June and a Provincial Tier format in July.

'A' Division

The objective of the Provincial 'A' Baseball League is to provide a longer season of baseball for community level teams and players, allowing them to continue to play baseball through the month of July with an 'A' Provincial Championship at Mosquito, Pee Wee, Bantam and Midget age categories (based on registration).

Teams will compete in a regional format for two weekends in July with the top teams competing in a Provincial 'A' Championship. The number and size of the regions will be based on the number of teams that register. If there are too few teams registered to host the 'A' division of play, the teams entered will be given the opportunity/choice to compete in the lowest 'AA' Tier for play in July and will have an opportunity to qualify for that Tier's Provincial 'AA' Championship.

TEAM ENTRY

Provincial Team Entry Form for the **'AAA' Division** is due in the Baseball Alberta Office **no later than April 10, 2017 (March 15th, 2017 for Midget 'AAA')** along with the Team Entry Fee. All teams must submit a list of available host dates and blackout dates when the team is unavailable.

Provincial Team Entry Form for the **'AA' Division** is due in the Baseball Alberta Office **no later than April 10, 2017** along with the Team Entry Fee. All teams must submit a list of available host dates (based on the scheduled weekends of play) and blackout dates when the team is unavailable. **Late entry deadline is May 15, 2017** with all the above requirements submitted by that date to the Baseball Alberta Office (for entry into June/2nd round of play).

Provincial Team Entry Form for the **'A' Division** is due in the Baseball Alberta Office **no later than June 12, 2017** along with the Team Entry Fee and official team roster. All teams must submit a list of available host dates (based on the scheduled weekends of play)

All teams must declare on Team Entry Form whether their Association/Team is a Member Association/Team (registers all players/coaches/officials). Only Member Associations/teams may represent Baseball Alberta at Western Canada Baseball Championships and at Baseball Canada National Championships. All eligible teams have open access to the Provincial Baseball League and the Provincial Championships. All players and coaches participating in the Provincial Baseball League must be registered participants with Baseball Alberta in order to be eligible for participation.

It is extremely important that Baseball Alberta gets as many contact numbers and emails from each team as possible. We require two email addresses from each team; ideally we would like to have contact information (email and phone number) of the **Head Coach, Team Manager and Assistant Coach**. In addition, Baseball Alberta requires the email addresses of all players.

Any team who has not paid their required fees will not be entered into the Provincial League Schedule.

Only one team can be entered for the 'AAA' Division in each age category by an individual Member Association. Applications to enter more than one team for the 'AAA' Division at an age category will be reviewed and subject to the approval of Baseball Alberta. Baseball Alberta will consider proposals for additional AAA teams including specific consideration of the following factors:

- Population base / registered player base of the community and Association, respectively, from which the teams are being formed.
- % of transferring players at the age category at a maximum of 20% in the age category.
- Competitiveness of teams at the age category in previous season(s) – winning %, Provincial Championship results, RF/RA, etc.
- Overall impact on baseball more broadly in Alberta.

ROSTER REQUIREMENTS

A. PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

Midget 'A', 'AA' and 'AAA' teams are permitted to have two (2) nineteen year old players eligible on their roster. These players are eligible for full league play including Provincial Championship play. However, 19 year olds are not eligible to participate in either Baseball Canada or Western Canada events.

Female athletes have the option to play one year overage at each division of play, Mosquito, Pee Wee and Bantam and category 'A', 'AA' or 'AAA'.

Player eligibility is based on the following age divisions (see 'A' division exception below):

Mosquito – May not turn 12 or older in 2017 (recommended 2006 – 2007 birthdates)

Pee Wee – May not turn 14 or older in 2017 (recommended 2004 – 2005 birthdates)

Bantam – May not turn 16 or older in 2017 (recommended 2002 – 2003 birthdates)

Bantam Girls – May not turn 17 or older in 2017 (may play in Bantam boys division and are eligible to compete at Provincial Championships)

Midget – May not turn 19 or older in 2017 (recommended 1999 – 2001 birthdates)

Each team ('A', 'AA' and 'AAA') is eligible to have two (2) - 19 year old athletes on a team (born 1998)

Midget Girls – May not turn 22 or older in 2017 (recommended 1996 – 2000 birthdates - may play in Midget boys division and are eligible to compete at Provincials). For Midget Girls, 'A', 'AA' and 'AAA' teams are eligible to have overage female athletes on a team with approval by the Baseball Alberta Registrar.

Junior – May not turn 22 or older in 2017 (recommended 1996 – 1998 birthdates)

Senior – 19 years of age and up

Mosquito, Pee Wee & Bantam 'A' Provincial rosters may include up to two (2) players who are **one** year over age (may not pitch). Players submitted on a Provincial Final Roster ('AAA', 'AA' or 'A') may not sign on any other Baseball Alberta registered Provincial team final roster during the entire season of play (except as an Affiliate/Pick-Up Player or Team Alberta/Team Canada). Players may only sign one final roster (except for Provincial Championship roster as a pick-up player) and may only be on one roster at a time (if listed on an Initial Roster, that player may not be listed on another roster until removed from that roster). 'AA' players **may** play both house league and Provincial 'AA' League baseball, but may not sign a Provincial 'A' roster. 'AAA' players are mandated to be committed to their 'AAA' team solely.

All players and coaches listed on Provincial rosters must be registered with Baseball Alberta (by June 1st). 'AAA' and 'AA' players and coaches must be registered at the 'AA/AAA' Player/Coach rate while 'Community/'A' players and coaches must be registered at the Community/'A' Player/Coach rate.

For the Baseball Alberta Provincial League Play and Provincial Championships, a player may register with only one team, one category, and one provincial championship in a particular season under baseball in Alberta except in the following circumstances:

- As a replacement player approved by the Baseball Alberta Registrar
- As an approved player participating in the Baseball Alberta High Performance Program
- As an approved pick up player

Residence Criteria

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- Player residency will be defined as the residence of the player's parents or legal guardians. Acceptable proof of a player's residence will be a certified true photocopy of government issued identification (such as a driver's license or passport) of the player's parent(s) or legal guardian. Players who are subject to the joint custody of parents who are not cohabitating may use the address of either parent for the purposes of player registration. For extra clarity, billet addresses will no longer be accepted as residency for Baseball Alberta registration.
- Players will not be required to submit proof of residency at the time of registration with Baseball Alberta. Any player playing in Baseball Alberta's leagues may be required to submit proof of residency directly to Baseball Alberta upon request of the Registrar. The Registrar may make this request of players selected at random from League rosters or in situations where questions have been raised regarding the residence of a player.
- If a registered player in Mosquito, Pee Wee, Bantam, or Midget category has changed his permanent place of residence to another location within the province, he may register with a team at his new place of residence at any time during the season with the consent of the Baseball Alberta Registrar.
- A player who has registered with another baseball organization, or comes from an area where no organized baseball was available, and who changes his permanent place of residence, after Baseball Alberta registration deadlines have passed, may be granted registration with Baseball Alberta teams upon written request to the Baseball Alberta Registrar.

B. COACH ELIGIBILITY

Respect in Sports

Respect in Sports is a **mandatory program for all coaches in the Baseball Alberta 'AAA', 'AA' and 'A' Leagues**. The Respect in Sports program is designed to give coaches better tools in performing their duties while protecting players from potential liability issues involving harassment, abuse and bullying.

Baseball Alberta feels coaches will see the immediate value once they have completed the 6 (½ hour) modules. Upon completion of the program coaches can go back to any module and review the information from start to finish. This is a tool to assist coaches in becoming better coaches and communicators while protecting everyone's best interest in today's challenging world. **Registration and payment for Respect in Sports is done entirely online.**

'AAA' & 'AA' Teams – Coaching accreditation will be checked once initial rosters are submitted on **April 14th, 2017**. The Baseball Alberta Registrar will send a letter to all coaches not meeting the accreditation requirements advising them of a need to complete the Respect in Sports course. Respect in Sports requirements must be fulfilled before **June 1st** or that coach will NOT be allowed to be on the field and removed from Provincial Roster.

'A' Teams - Coaches accreditation will be checked once initial rosters are submitted on **June 12th, 2017**. The Baseball Alberta Registrar will send a letter to coaches not meeting the certification requirements advising them if the Respect in Sports online course is not completed by the Provincial Championship weekend then that coach will not be allowed on the field and removed from Provincial Roster.

Please note that Respect in Sport coaching module for other sports is equivalent to the requirement for baseball. However, the Respect in Sport parent module, such as the Hockey Alberta program, is NOT equivalent to the coaching module.

NATIONAL COACHING CERTIFICATION PROGRAM (NCCP) REQUIREMENTS

Coaches will be required to take the NCCP courses corresponding to the age group and level of play. Please see the Coaching Requirement chart at www.baseballalberta.com. Baseball Canada has also developed a coaching requirements table on their Coaches Corner (<http://www.baseball.ca>) where all coaches can find their specific requirements along with information regarding the Making Ethical Decisions Module (MED), how to check NCCP status and where to register for workshops.

Baseball Alberta accreditation meets the requirements to participate as a head or assistant coach at all levels of Baseball Canada and Western Canadian Baseball Association championships.

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‘AAA’ & ‘AA’ Teams – Coaching accreditation will be checked once initial rosters are submitted on **April 14th, 2017**. The Baseball Alberta Registrar will send a letter to all coaches not meeting the accreditation requirements advising them of what NCCP workshops are required. Coaches are required to complete all classroom/on-field workshops before provincials in order to be added onto the Provincial roster. The Registrar will do another follow-up by **June 30th**. Coaches still needing accreditation will be sent a final warning and be advised of final workshop times Baseball Alberta is offering or where to find a required course online to meet requirements. NCCP requirements must be fulfilled before the Provincial Championship weekend or that coach will NOT be allowed to be on the field and removed from the Provincial Roster.

NOTE: Making Ethical Decisions (MED) Online Evaluation must be completed before June 1st. Coaches will need to go to <http://www.coach.ca/elearning-s13846> and complete the “Comp-Introduction MED”. Please Email MED results to registrar@baseballalberta.com Coaches not completing the MED by June 1st will be removed from their roster.

NOTE: ‘AA’ Tier 1 requirements have changed to meet the Western Canadian Baseball Association (WCBA) Championship coaching requirements. Head coaches will be required to have Regional Certified status and assistant coaches must be Regional Trained.

‘A’ Teams - Coaches accreditation will be checked once initial rosters are submitted on **June 12th, 2017**. The Baseball Alberta Registrar will send a letter to coaches not meeting the certification requirements advising them if the Initiation Online Module is not completed by the Provincial Championship weekend (July 20th) then that coach will not be allowed on the field.

House League Coaches – Coach accreditation will be administered by the local association. The deadline for completion is June 1st.

All coaches **MUST** be registered in the NCCP baseball system. Simply go to <http://nccp.baseball.ca/register.php> and register. New coaches will be required to pay \$37.45 to enter the system and receive access to the Online Initiation module. Once this module is completed they will have access to register in any scheduled NCCP baseball workshop in Alberta. Coaches who have already taken the Level 1 Technical in the old NCCP system may check the box stating that they have done so and the required fee will be waived.

ALL NON COMPLIANT COACHES WILL BE REMOVED FROM ROSTERS

C. INITIAL & FINAL ROSTERS

Mosquito - Midget categories shall be permitted to register up to 18 players. NorWest League (Midget ‘AAA’) teams may register up to 20 players.

Only players and coaches listed on an Approved Initial Roster (up to May 15th for ‘AAA’; up to May 29th for ‘AA’) or an Approved Final Roster may play in Provincial League games. Any player who has not submitted and/or been granted approval for transfer will not be approved and will be removed from the roster and ineligible for play. No roster additions may be made after the Final Roster submission date (except for a player moving into the area who must apply to the Registrar) so all transfers for new players must be in the Baseball Alberta Office no later than noon on the roster submission date. After the Final Roster submission date, the only roster changes allowed will be based on Replacement Players. Each subsequent roster change/replacement will be subject to a \$25 processing fee. Any player who quits their Provincial team will not be allowed to join any other Provincial Roster (as a Replacement Player or Pick-Up Player) or be allowed to participate as an affiliate player.

NEW FOR 2017 - ‘AAA’ and ‘AA’ coaches will be required to review their team roster submission and certify that all player addresses are accurate and comply with Baseball Alberta residency requirements.

Only rosters that are typed and emailed into the Baseball Alberta office will be accepted (preferably in Microsoft Excel). We will not be accepting faxed, mailed, scanned or hand delivered rosters.

‘AAA’ Rosters

Initial Rosters must be submitted by e-mail on the form provided to Baseball Alberta by Noon on Friday, April 14, 2017. The Approved Initial Roster will be returned to the team by Friday, April 28th.

Changes to Initial Rosters must be submitted by e-mail on the Approved Initial Roster Form provided to Baseball Alberta by Noon on Friday, April 28, 2017. The Approved Final Roster will be returned to the team by Noon on Friday, May 12th. All coaches’ NCCP

numbers must be provided by the Final Roster deadline. **Please note: NCCP#’s or CC# may take 6-8 weeks to be generated by the Coaching Association of Canada.**

‘AA’ Rosters

Initial Rosters must be submitted by e-mail on the form provided to Baseball Alberta by Noon on Friday, April 14, 2017. The Approved Initial Roster will be returned to the team by Friday, April 28th.

Changes to Initial Roster must be submitted by e-mail on the Approved Initial Roster Form provided to Baseball Alberta by Noon on Friday, May 5th, 2016. The Approved Final Roster will be returned to the team by Noon on Friday, May 26th. All Coaches’ NCCP numbers must be provided by the Final Roster deadline. **Please note: NCCP#’s or CC# may take 6-8 weeks to be generated by the Coaching Association of Canada.**

‘A’ Rosters

Final rosters must be submitted by e-mail on the form provided to Baseball Alberta by 4pm on Monday, June 12, 2017. The Approved Final Roster will be returned to the team by Friday, June 23, 2017. Each team must submit NCCP numbers or proof of certification for at least one coach to the Baseball Alberta Office with the team Entry. Any team who provides neither proof of the required certification or fine will not be entered into the Community Provincial League schedule. **Please note: NCCP#’s or CC# may take 6-8 weeks to be generated by the Coaching Association of Canada.**

D. PLAYER TRANSFERS

‘AA’ & ‘AAA’

A player who lives outside the boundaries/city limits of the team he/she is wishing to play for must first register with the closest Baseball Alberta Association within their zone (**Home Association**) and pay the Baseball Alberta Player Registration fee (Competitive fee for ‘AAA’/‘AA’ or Community fee for ‘A’) through the Home Association. The Home Association may charge that player up to \$25 for administrative costs.

The player may then apply to transfer through the Transfer Request Application. The transfer request must be signed by both the President of the outgoing Association and the President of the receiving Association to indicate their approval or denial of such transfer.

The transfer form, required letter and \$25 fee must be delivered to Baseball Alberta (no faxed/e-mailed copies or forms without payment will be accepted) no later than Noon on the Initial/Final Roster submission date. Only players who have been approved transfer will be allowed onto an approved team roster.

Any transfer request that occurs after the Approved Final Roster is sent back to the teams (May 12th, 2017 for ‘AAA’ Teams; May 26th, 2017 for ‘AA’ Teams) will result in the transfer fee increasing to \$100.

Any transfer that is signed by both the outgoing and receiving President and delivered with required letter and \$25 processing fee will be deemed approved Baseball Alberta.

If the outgoing President denies (or refuses to sign) the Transfer Request, the player may still submit the transfer request with the required letter and \$25 processing fee. This will be considered an appeal and will be decided by the Registrar. If a player wishes to appeal past the Baseball Alberta Registrar, the Executive of Baseball Alberta will have final ruling on the matter.

There will be an additional charge of \$100.00 to any player wishing to appeal beyond the transfer decision made by the Baseball Alberta Registrar. Appeals will be brought forward to the Executive Committee upon receipt of payment.

If the player is transferring to a higher division of play (i.e. from ‘A’ to ‘AA’), the appeal will be approved in order to give the player a higher level opportunity for development.

If the incoming President denies (or refuses to sign) the Transfer Request, the player has no appeal and will not be granted transfer.

Baseball Alberta will not support lateral transfers ('AA' to 'AA') without support of the outgoing Association President unless transferring from a part-time program to a full-time program **or** unless a 'AA' team has not been formed/guaranteed at that point **or unless the player is transferring from an Association that has permitted players to transfer in or** unless extreme circumstances can be proven.

Regarding lateral transfers, Baseball Alberta will support lateral transfer requests where the outgoing Association has permitted players to transfer in, based on an assessment of their total number of registered players at the age category to ensure that they can maintain their program. The intent of this rule is to support the development of both strong 'AA' and 'AAA' programs in areas when player transfers to 'AAA' programs are occurring.

Two or more Associations can apply to Baseball Alberta to form a team from their respective associations, subject to approval of Baseball Alberta. These associations must be able to demonstrate, through the application process, that there is a necessity to work together to form a team at an age category.

These associations must fill out the Association Transfer Application and have signatures from all Presidents involved (the transfer fee of \$25.00 does not apply)

Deadlines for Association Transfer Application will be the same as the above deadlines for individual player transfers.

No player, coach, team, club, league, or association shall attempt to induce a player (minor categories) of any other club to leave that club or zone. Any person who attempts to induce a player of any club/zone shall be deemed to have committed an offence and subject to a penalty with such penalty being decided by the Baseball Alberta Board of Directors.

NEW FOR 2017 - Coaches who are found in violation of player residency or transfer rules will be suspended for the balance of the current season. Players who are found to be in violation of the residency rules will be ineligible for all League, Provincial, and post-Provincial play for the balance of the current season.

NEW FOR 2017 - Violations of the residency or player transfer rules may result in further sanctions at the discretion of the Executive of the Board of Directors of Baseball Alberta for the Association involved. These sanctions could include ineligibility of Association teams for Provincial and/or post-Provincial play, loss of funding for teams to attend post-Provincial Championships, and/or probation for one or more future seasons of Baseball Alberta League play.

Zone 3 and Zone 6 transfers only – Zone 3 and Zone 6, respectively, represent the two largest cities in Alberta. Player transfers out of these zones will be administered in accordance with guidelines established by the Baseball Alberta Board of Directors.

Transfer Players Registration and Payment Process

In order to facilitate the processing of Player Transfers Requests across the province and ensure clarity for players and Associations in dealing with these requests, the following outlines the steps of the process:

- All players **MUST** register with their Home Association prior to registering with any other Association. This includes players who have transferred in previous seasons and have now played a season or seasons with their current team.
- Upon registration, players **MUST** pay the full registration fee as requested by their Home Association. For players who have transferred in previous seasons, the Home Association may elect not to collect a registration fee.
- Players **MUST** communicate with their Home Association President or designate their intention to request a player transfer including identifying the Association that they wish to transfer to as part of the initial registration process.
- Players may obtain the necessary Association transfer signatures in any order. However, the Home Association President may require that the transferring Association President portion of the form be completed first in order to prevent "blank cheque" transfers.
- The completed Player Transfer Request Form(s) with the rationale letter must be sent to Baseball Alberta along with the required player transfer fee.
- Upon transfer, the Home Association **MUST** refund the registration fee charged to the player. Non-refundable fees identified at registration such as administration or try out fees are not included in this requirement.
- Upon transfer, players **MUST** contact the Association Registrar, register and pay the full registration fee to the Association that they are transferring to.

- Upon Transfer completion, the Association that the player has transferred to must register the player with Baseball Alberta and submit payment of the Baseball Alberta registration fee.
- Associations' submission of player registration fees must indicate those players that have transferred in and/or out of the Association in order to reconcile the total number of registered players.

Proof of Eligibility

Teams must submit their Approved Initial/Final Roster to the Official Scorekeeper with their game line-up card at least 15 minutes prior to scheduled game time. Only players who are listed on the Approved Roster will be allowed in the line-up (except for Approved Affiliate players – see Affiliate Player section). If a team cannot produce their approved roster, the game will still be played and a copy of the line-up card must be submitted with the Game Summary Report. If it is confirmed that an ineligible player was used, the opposing team will have the choice of either taking the game result or a forfeit win and the offending head coach will be subject to disciplinary action.

All approved players and coaches must be registered (and paid) with Baseball Alberta by June 1, 2016. Any player or coach who is unpaid as of June 14 may be suspended from play until payment is made in full.

E. AFFILIATE PLAYERS

NEW FOR 2017 - Only players playing in Baseball Alberta leagues (House League, 'A', 'AA' and 'AAA') are eligible for teams to use as affiliate players and be eligible to be picked up for Provincials/Westerns/Nationals

No Affiliate players will be permitted for use at the Provincial Championships.

If a team's roster falls to 10 players or lower for the Provincial Championships, that team may apply to Baseball Alberta to pick-up 1 player from an Association at Baseball Alberta's discretion. Teams must provide doctor's notes or other supporting information for the lack of players in order to activate this process.

The affiliate program is in place to provide coaches with an option to pick-up players from a lower category/division in the event of unforeseen circumstances where their roster would drop below the original size. Coaches have the option to bring their roster size up to its original roster size utilizing affiliates. For example, if a team's original roster size is 16 players and 3 players are injured and unable to play that coach can potentially affiliate 1 – 3 players. This is not in place to add depth to the team's current roster, but as an emergency backup plan. Coaches will still be required to provide information and reasoning for the player who is being replaced. **'AA' and 'AAA' teams may affiliate up to 7 players from a lower category/division of play. No affiliates will be allowed for the 'A' division.**

All affiliate players must be approved by Baseball Alberta prior to them being eligible to play.

Each **'AAA'** team may draw from their **'A'/'AA'** base (including lower age categories) or from **'A'/'AA'** and/or lower age categories within a 75 km radius. Each **'AA'** team may draw affiliates from their own Association house/'A' league or from any Association within 75 km who does not have a **'AA'** team at that age category. In the event that there are teams that do not have any Associations within the 75 km radius then that team may apply to Baseball Alberta for affiliate approval from outside of the 75 km radius. In order to affiliate a player, the coach must contact the player's team coach for contact information and then discuss the option with the player's parent(s) unless the player is 18 years of age.

Each team must submit the Affiliate Player Application (completed and signed by the affiliate's parent unless 18 years of age) along with a \$25 processing fee to Baseball Alberta at least 3 working days prior to first game to be played. Baseball Alberta will forward an updated Affiliate Player Tracking Sheet with the approved player's name on it.

In order to utilize an affiliate, the coach/team manager must contact the affiliate player's team coach to determine availability and to also discuss how the player will be utilized (coaches should come to agreement of innings/pitch counts to be pitched as those innings may affect the affiliate player's team). If the affiliate's team has a league (Provincial League or house league) game, that player will not be available. If that team has a tournament, the player will only be available if approved by both the coach and parent/player. If that team has a practice or exhibition game scheduled, the player will be deemed available. Any coach abusing this

process may be disciplined by Baseball Alberta. If deemed available after due process, the coach must then contact the player's parent(s) unless the player is 18 years of age.

The Affiliate Player Tracking Sheet must be provided to the Official Scorekeeper along with the line-up card. The official line-up card must identify the player with "AFF" beside the player's name. The Official Scorekeeper will fill in the date of the game played (regardless of whether that player ever plays an inning and once on the official line-up, that player will be charged with one game played) and return the Tracking Sheet to the team. The Official Scorekeeper will identify Affiliate Players on the Game Summary Sheet and Baseball Alberta will update each team's master Affiliate Tracking Sheet to be kept at Baseball Alberta.

Affiliate players may only sign with one team and may only play up to 5 games throughout the entire schedule. Once a player's five (5) games are complete, that player's eligibility for Affiliation will be denied for the remainder of the season. (The Registrar may only extend affiliate player's maximum number of games in the event that a team loses a player(s) to Team Alberta/Team Canada opportunities and has used up all available affiliate player games)

F. ROSTER REPLACEMENTS

In the event that a team loses a player for the long term, that team may apply to Baseball Alberta for a roster replacement, according to Roster Replacement Rules (below). All Roster Replacement applications will need to be delivered to the Baseball Alberta Office by 4 pm at least 4 business days prior to needing the player for a game and must include a \$25 processing fee and supporting documents (medical note, letter from family indicating they are moving from the area, etc.).

- Teams requesting replacements in Midget and lower categories must obtain the authorization of the Registrar, whenever a team's roster is reduced to fewer than 12 players (15 players for Midget 'AAA') because of injuries, death, or players having moved from the area. Replacement players may be added as required up to a 12 player maximum (15 player maximum for Midget 'AAA').
- The sole objective of allowing a team to replace injured or deceased players, or players having moved (from the area) under this rule, is to ensure that the remaining players on the team are not in the position of having to forfeit a game due to a shortage of players.
- A replacement player must be registered with Baseball Alberta in the current playing year as of June 1st, but cannot be from a higher division of play or be on any other provincial roster. A player on a suspended team shall remain eligible for replacement as per replacement guidelines.
- A player who has been placed on a disabled list must be supported by a medical certificate. Replacement players not dropped shall be considered part of the original roster.
- A player who has moved from the area and can no longer participate with the original team may be required to provide proof of residency.

TEAM REQUIREMENTS

A. HOST TEAM

Host teams are responsible for providing the following items for **all** games played at their host site:

- Baseballs – 3 or 4 new baseballs per game (depending on wear/tear and weather conditions)
- Diamonds/facilities – includes diamond maintenance and preparation before/after games
- Ensuring payment of umpire travel costs as required (see 2017 Umpire Fees)
- Booking and ensuring payment for Umpire Accommodations as required for out of town umpires
- Official Scorekeeper for **all** games played at the host site (may be a team parent but must be objective and must not be scoring for the host team in that game)

Hosting Coordinator (may be a team parent)

- Communicate with teams playing at host site with respect to directions to diamond, accommodations and confirmation of game times
- Ensure umpires are contacted in case of cancellations due to unplayable field conditions
- Photocopy/Print Game Summary Reports for host game/weekend

- Ensure Official Scorekeeper is aware of rules/regulations (provide copy of Rules package)
- Collect umpire game fees (checks preferred) as required from all participating teams/issue Baseball Alberta Umpire Fee Payment Receipts to teams
- Ensure the umpires are paid **by check by the host team** (including travel/mileage) prior to leaving the facility for the day/weekend (unless local Association has another procedure for payment communicated to and accepted by the umpiring crew)
- Collect and send all Game Summary Reports via fax back to Baseball Alberta at (780) 427-9032 by 12pm on the business day following the game(s) played
- Mail copy of Protest Report and \$100 protest fee (payable by team check) back to Baseball Alberta, in the event that a Protest is denied

The Official Scorekeeper

- Collecting game line-ups, team rosters, Affiliate Player Tracking Sheets (when using Affiliate Players) and Weekly Pitching Sheets (Mosquito, Pee Wee, Bantam and Midget) from each team at least 15 minutes prior to each game
- Checking the line-up card against the roster and Affiliate Player Tracking Sheet to ensure all players are eligible (Affiliate Players must show "AFF" marked by their name on the line-up card); once complete, return the team roster to each team manager or coach; if a player on the line-up card does not match a player on the roster or Affiliate Player Tracking Sheet, notify that coach of the issue – the coach will have the option to play that player and face the consequences of playing an ineligible player; fax a copy of the line-up card with the potential ineligible player noted so the Office staff can verify eligibility
- Updating the Affiliate Team Tracking Sheet and returning to the team manager/coach
- If the team cannot produce the roster or Affiliate Player Tracking Sheet, make the coaches aware that the game will be played under protest and that if the team in question has used an ineligible player, the opposing coach will be given the option of keeping the actual game result or taking a forfeit win; in this case, a copy of the line-up card must be copied and faxed in with the Game Summary Report
- Keeping score without prejudice or bias – official scorekeepers may not act as a team scorekeeper and must stay objective; the official scorekeeper may not alert either team (or the umpire) if a batter is batting out of order.
- Obtaining pitch count information from each team for games played during the previous week.
- When the use of a pitcher who is ineligible or about to become ineligible is evident, scorekeepers or other officials should notify the team manager or coach of the offending team so that an opportunity for assignment correction may be immediately affected.
- **Alerting the umpire if the pitcher returning to the mound is no longer eligible to pitch**
- Filling out all necessary information on the Game Summary Report in ink and ensuring that both coaches, the home plate umpire and the official scorekeeper sign the Game Summary Report to verify its accuracy; once signed, the game is official
- Updating each team's Weekly Pitching Report in ink (Mosquito, Pee Wee and Bantam only); return the sheet back to the team at the end of the game.
- The Official Scorekeeper may provide inning, # of outs, score and player changes to each team as requested.

B. PARTICIPATING TEAMS

All participating teams (including host) will be responsible for paying **the host site for one umpire game fee per game played** in the 2016 Baseball Alberta Provincial League. The non-host teams will pay the host site the required game fees **prior to their first game**. If games are rained out, the host site will either return the check (if no fees are required) or will issue a reimbursement for the games not played. Payment to umpires must be done prior to each game.

All participating teams (including host) will be responsible for **supplying 2 Protest Committee members** to sit on the Protest Committee for the games they are playing (the home and visiting teams will each supply 2 members on the Committee).

All participating teams **must provide their Approved Roster, Affiliate Player Tracking Sheet** (when utilizing Affiliate Players), **Weekly Pitching Report** (Mosquito/Pee Wee/Bantam/Midget) and **line-up card to the Official Scorekeeper at least 15 minutes prior to the game** and will be responsible for ensuring they receive those items back, once checked/completed, before leaving the host site.

All Mosquito, Pee Wee, Bantam and Midget teams must email or fax their weekly pitching reports into Baseball Alberta by Wednesday of the following week.

No team will need to produce approved Transfer Requests as all players listed on the Approved Initial/Final Roster will be approved by Baseball Alberta (transfers will be deemed approved).

Team rosters, duly authorized by the Registrar must be produced at all Baseball Alberta League Games/Provincial Championship. Any team entering the Baseball Alberta League without having all players, coaches, and managers properly registered will be subjected to disqualification from that game, and subject to fines or suspension.

LEAGUE FORMAT & SCHEDULING

A. RAIN OUTS & SCHEDULING

Teams must give Baseball Alberta at least 2 weeks' notice of tournaments, graduations or any other circumstance where their team is unavailable to play. If inadequate time is given (less than 2 weeks) to Baseball Alberta, then that team may be forced to take a forfeit loss.

Failure to complete league scheduled games could result in the suspension of the team for Provincial Championship play at the discretion of Baseball Alberta.

Games should only be cancelled for weather if the field is unplayable or it is unsafe to play due to the conditions. If games must be cancelled due to poor weather, the host team is responsible for notifying the umpire crew (if their phone numbers have been provided) or the Umpire Assignor (listed on www.baseballalberta.com).

Teams are responsible for making up games and must coordinate the date/time/place and forward to Baseball Alberta by 4 pm at least 4 days prior to the anticipated game. If the four days' notice is not possible, the Umpire Assignor will do their best to try to assign umpires. Baseball Alberta will then forward the request directly to the Zone Umpire Assignor who will confirm with the team if umpires are available.

Any games that are not made up by the end of the round will either be struck from the schedule (if there was no possible way to make that game up due to timing/weather) or result in a loss assigned for the team(s) unable or unwilling to replay the game. No team will receive a win for a game that was not played. Any team refusing to travel to play a game may be disciplined further through suspension.

Teams who meet in tournament play may elect to use that game for Provincial League results, but must agree before the game and must provide an Official Scorekeeper to fill out all the necessary game reports and sheets (must follow rules for pitching and use of affiliates/eligible players).

Any team/host site that must cancel a game (other than weather reasons) must provide notice by 4 pm at least **2 days** prior to the game or the team who is cancelling the game will be charged full umpire game fees for the game scheduled.

All rainout games and rescheduled games must be completed 5 days before the scheduled Provincial Championship weekend for each competition level.

B. ROUNDS OF PLAY

'AAA' Division

The Baseball Alberta Provincial 'AAA' Baseball League will be split into 3 rounds of play (May, June and July).

Pee Wee and Bantam

- **Round 1** – Developmental in approach with easing of rules so that teams may develop their players (see Rules Section)
- **Rounds 2 & 3** – Total Points (2 points per win; 1 point for tie (after tiebreaker procedures have been exhausted due to light and/or weather); 0 point per loss) from Rounds 2 and 3 games will determine final standings for Provincial Championships.

League play will continue through July; the number of teams in the Tier I Provincial Championship and the Tier II Provincial Championship is dependent on the amount of teams registered in that division/category

Midget

- **Rounds 1, 2 & 3** - Total Points (2 points per win; 1 point for tie (after tiebreaker procedures have been exhausted due to light and/or weather); 0 point per loss) from Rounds 1, 2 and 3 games will determine final standings for Provincial Championships. League play will continue through July; the number of teams in the Tier I Provincial Championship and the Tier II Provincial Championship is dependent on the amount of teams registered in that division/category.

'AA' Division

The Baseball Alberta Provincial 'AA' Baseball League will be split into 3 rounds of play (May, June and July) as per the following:

- **Round 1 (Midget)** – Regional seeding round; each region will play a round robin within their region to determine Division I and Division II (North/South) qualification for play in June; playing rules will allow teams to focus on development as well as competition.
- **Round 1 (Mosquito, Pee Wee, Bantam)** – Round is seen as developmental in approach with easing of rules so that teams may develop their players. **Regional seeding round; each region will play a double round robin within their region. This round will be used for coaches to determine their team's ability to play in either Division I or II for the following round. Baseball Alberta will still require game summary sheets to be emailed in and will aid Baseball Alberta on placement of teams for Round 2. Coaches input will also be taken into account when determining Division of play for Round 2.**
- **Round 2** – Division I/II (North/South) seeding round; each Division will play either a single or double round robin (depending on number of teams) in the month of June to determine who will qualify for Tiers I, II, III and IV. **Division I teams will be tiered into either Tier I or Tier II and Division II teams will be tiered into remaining Tiers at the age category (Tier III, Tier IV, Tier V, etc.) (see Team Movement for exceptions).**
- **Round 3** – Provincial round to be played in Tiers; depending on the amount of teams in each tier Provincial Championships will consist of either 4, 5, 6, or 8 teams. 'AA' Provincials will be played on the following weekends;
July 28th – 30th, 2017 – Mosquito, Pee Wee, Bantam, Midget AA Tier III, IV, V
August 4th – 6th, 2017 – Mosquito, Pee Wee, Bantam, Midget 'AA' Tier I/II

Host sites to be determined by June 30th based on host bids received by June 3rd, proposed regions of play and Round 2 results.

'A' Division

The Baseball Alberta Provincial 'A' Baseball League will play a total of three weekends – **July 7 - 9** and **July 14 - 16** are league play. The 'A' Provincial Championships will be held **July 21 - 23, 2017**.

Teams will be separated into regional areas (based on number and location of teams) for play in early July with every team qualifying for the Provincial Championships in an appropriate Tier based on results during the first two weekends of play.

C. TEAM RANKING & TIEBREAKING RULES

The following order will be utilized to rank teams and break ties following each round of league play as well as Provincial Championship play (once a team is removed from a tie, the remaining teams will continue from that point forward through the remainder of the rules to break any remaining ties):

1. Winning Percentage (per Round(s) of Play or Round Robin portion of Championship)
2. Head to Head Game(s) Result (between tied teams)
3. Runs Formula from Games Between Tied Teams (Total Runs For Divided by Offensive Outs Minus Total Runs Against Divided by Defensive Outs)
4. Defensive Runs Formula from Games Between Tied Teams (Total Runs Against Divided by Defensive Outs)
5. Runs Formula from All Games in Round(s)
6. Defensive Runs Formula from All Games in Round(s)

For Competitive Division, teams will be ranked according to Team Ranking and Tiebreaking Rules after each round of play then seeded into appropriate Division for Round 2 and appropriate Tier for Round 3.

D. Team Movement

'AAA' team being moved down to 'AA' – An application for a Performance team wishing to move down to the Competitive division must be submitted to the Baseball Alberta office by May 26th. Any movement between Performance and Competitive will be at the discretion of Baseball Alberta. Baseball Alberta reserves the right to review the competitiveness of Performance 'AAA' teams to ensure integrity of our leagues.

As of June 30th, if the last place North/South Division I team has lost all 2nd round games with an average runs differential (total runs scored less total runs scored against, divided by total # of games played) of -7 or worse, that team will be placed in Tier III for the Provincial Round of play in July.

As of June 30th, if the last place North/South Division I team has lost all or all but one 2nd round games with an average runs differential (total runs scored less total runs scored against, divided by total # of games played) of -5 or worse, that team will be given the option to play in Tier III for the Provincial Round of play in July.

As of June 30th, if the top North/South Division II team wins all 2nd round games with an average runs differential of +7 or better, that team will be placed in Tier II for the Provincial Round of play in July.

As of June 30th, if the top North/South Division II team wins all or all but one 2nd round games with an average runs differential of +5 or better, that team will be given the option to play in Tier II for the Provincial Round of play in July.

On completion of the 3rd Round, if the last place team in any tier (I – IV) has lost all 3rd round games with an average runs differential (total runs scored less total runs scored against, divided by total # of games played) of -8 or worse and a spot is available, that team will drop down one tier for the Provincial Championship.

On completion of the 3rd Round, if the last place team in any tier (I – IV) has lost all or all but one 2nd round games with an average runs differential (total runs scored less total runs scored against, divided by total # of games played) of -7 or worse and a spot is available, that team will be given the option to drop down one tier for the Provincial Championship.

On completion of the 3rd Round, if the top team in tiers II - IV win all 3rd round games with an average runs differential of +8 or better and a spot is available, that team will move up one tier for the Provincial Championship.

On completion of the 3rd Round, if the top team in tiers II – IV wins all or all but one 3rd round games with an average runs differential of +7 or better and a spot is available, that team will be given the option to play up one tier for the Provincial Championship.

Any team moving down a Tier for the Provincial Championship weekend, as determined by Baseball Alberta, will be automatically seeded #3 in any tournament draw that requires seeding placement.

UMPIRE'S

Membership shall be open to any person who is interested in officiating in baseball. An annual registration fee as prescribed in the schedule of fees shall be assessed. To officiate in League, Provincial or Western Canada Championships, an umpire must comply with all requirements outlined for the NUCP level of the umpire including attending clinics and successfully writing the appropriate exam.

Level four and level five umpires must attend a level four/five clinic and pass a written examination each year. In addition, level four and level five umpires must pass two field evaluations every year, and are personally responsible for arranging their evaluation with the Provincial Supervisor of Umpires.



All officiating at Baseball Alberta League, Provincial Championships and Western Canada Championships shall take priority over all leagues, tournaments, and/or other playoff games.

Baseball Alberta shall have the authority to suspend any umpire for misconduct or incompetence. Any suspensions may be appealed to the Executive Committee in writing within 30 days.

The Provincial Supervisor of Umpires or his designate shall make umpire assignments for all Baseball Alberta League games and Provincial Championships, as well as Western Canada Championships held within province and National Championships as designated by Baseball Canada .

- In League games & Provincial Championships the number of umpires required on the field is as specified in the table below.
- In Western Canada Championships, at least three certified umpires must be on the field, and at least one umpire **MUST** hold a valid National Certification (level 4-5), and one nationally certified umpire must be at the field at all times.
- When these arrangements are deemed impossible due to distance factor or lack of Baseball Alberta umpires in the general area, then the Provincial Supervisor must be notified. The Provincial Supervisor or his designate may, after reviewing the circumstances, issue special instructions.

No umpire shall participate in any playoff game, series, or tournament in which the umpire may be in a conflict of interest. Any conflict of interest shall be reviewed by a committee of three, comprised of the Zone Director, Tournament Director, and Umpire Committee representative. Should it be necessary to replace an umpire due to conflict; that replacement shall be at the decision of the Umpire Committee representative.

A. UMPIRE SCHEDULING

Umpires for all Baseball Alberta Provincial League games will be assigned through the Provincial Umpire Committee. The Provincial Umpire Committee will be provided with all the schedules and will coordinate umpire assignments. The Provincial Umpire Committee will make every effort to allocate local umpires, as long as properly certified umpires are available. If out-of-town umpires are assigned, the host site will receive that information prior to hosting so they can be prepared to pay mileage and/or accommodation for the umpire(s). The host site is responsible for coordinating umpire accommodation, where necessary.

Any team/host site that must cancel a game (other than weather reasons) must provide notice by 4 pm at least **2 days** prior to the game or the team who is canceling will be charged full umpire game fees for the game scheduled.

B. UMPIRE FEE'S & EXPENSES

Age Category	'A'	'AA'	'AAA'
Mosquito	\$35.00	\$35.00	N/A
Pee Wee	\$40.00	\$40.00	\$40.00
Bantam	\$45.00	\$45.00	\$45.00
Midget	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
Junior	N/A	\$60.00	\$60.00
Senior	N/A	\$60.00	\$60.00
Minimum Number of Umpires Required			
League Play	2	2	2
Provincials	2	2	3
Westerns	N/A	3	3

Mileage: \$0.40/km

- Games commencing prior to 6 pm on non-holiday weekdays will incur a **\$15/umpire premium**.
- For originally scheduled 9 inning games, there will be a **\$5/umpire premium**. This **DOES NOT** include extra-inning games that last 9 innings.
- All approved travel expense reports submitted as a result of travel taken on or after that date will be paid out at **40 cents/km**.

- **Door to Door Mileage** – where travel is less than 25 km from door to game site, mileage will not be charged. Where travel exceeds 25 km from door to game site, umpires will charge full return (door to door) mileage at the Baseball Alberta rate of 40 cents/km. Umpires may by individual choice accept reduced mileage charge. Any decision by an individual umpire will not set a precedent for any other umpire with respect to charging mileage.
- Any game/weekend completely rained out without notice prior to umpire arriving at field will result in host required to pay travel/mileage and 1/2 of one game fee per umpire to be paid by the host site. Any rained out game(s) where the umpire was notified before leaving home will result in no money awarded to that umpire(s).
- For rescheduling/cancellation of games (not due to weather): Any host site that does not cancel umpires by **4 pm at least 2 days prior** to scheduled game will be charged for umpire fees for one full game of umpires.
- Teams responsible for scheduling/rescheduling games must provide the game date/time/place to Baseball Alberta by **4 pm at least 4 working days prior to game**.
- Umpires working a game that has started and is either suspended or cancelled part way through are paid full game fees. Umpires completing a suspended game will be paid ½ game fees.
- If only one umpire shows up to umpire a game, that umpire will be paid 1.5 times the normal fee. That umpire will have the option of requesting a non-certified volunteer to umpire the bases at a fee of \$10/game. If only one umpire shows up and is able to recruit/find a certified umpire to fill the missing spot, each umpire will receive the normal game fees.

RULES OF PLAY

A. OFFICIAL & APPROVED BASEBALLS

ROML – “Exclusive Baseball for Baseball Alberta Provincial Tournaments”

- ROML – All Divisions / Senior & Midget*
- 80CC / MLH – All Divisions / Bantam or below
- 65CC / BCAF – Pee wee and Below

Rawlings baseballs are required at all Baseball Alberta League games.

***The Rawlings R100 baseball is still approved for all Baseball Alberta League play excluding the Provincial Championships.**

The Rawlings “ROML” baseball is recognized as the Official Baseball of Baseball Alberta and will be used at ALL Provincial Championships.



B. Bat Regulations

Where aluminum bats are permitted, only approved “BBCOR” stamped aluminum bats in the Bantam and above categories will be permitted for use in 2017.

Bat Regulation Chart:

	Maximum Differential	Maximum Diameter	Maximum Length
Mosquito	None	2 1/4	32"
Pee Wee	-10	2 3/4	34"
Bantam			
Boys	-3	2 5/8	34"
Girls	-5	2 5/8	34"
*‘AAA’	N/A	2 5/8	34"
Midget			
*‘AA’	N/A	2 5/8	35"
*‘AAA’	N/A	2 5/8	36"
Women	-5	2 3/4	35"
Junior/Senior			
*‘AA’	N/A	2 5/8	36"
*‘AAA’	N/A	2 5/8	36"
Women	-5	2 3/4	35"

* Wood or wood composite only



NEW FOR 2017 - The following bat rules were adopted by Baseball Canada for 2017

- For 13U, 16U Girls, 21U Women and Senior Women National Championships, a max barrel of 2 3/4" with (i) a 1.15 BPF (Bat Performance Factor) or (ii) USA Baseball Model with BBCOR “wood like” BPF is permitted. For the 13U National Championships using up to a minus 10-length/weight differential is permitted. For 16U Girls, 21U Women and Senior Women National Championships using up to a minus 5 length/weight differential is permitted.
- Some of the aforementioned bat types will likely not be available for 2017; however, this rule still allows bats under the previous rule to be used.
- USSSA 1.15 and USABB bats will be both approved for play under Baseball Canada rules for the 11U and under categories. This allows for all previous & current 2 1/4", 2 5/8" and 2 3/4" USSSA 1.15 certified bats to be used. USABB bats (with 2 3/4" barrels) will not be available here until 2018.
- All Post Provincial Championships (Western Canada Championships and Baseball Canada National Championships) for categories Bantam ‘AAA’ and above are wood or wood composite bat only Championships.
- The U17 Canada Cup Championship is a wood bat only championship.
- Bantam and Midget Girls are eligible to use up to a -5 bat with a barrel no more than 2 3/4" diameter. Girls using bats that are NOT -3 must have them clearly marked (colored tape around handle). Umpires must be notified of this bat prior to the game.

C. FIELD OF PLAY

- Diamond must be prepared according to Baseball Canada distances/regulations (backstop distances not enforced for League play)
- Outfield fences are mandatory for Pee Wee ‘AAA’ and up (including all Bantam and Midget) for league play; outfield distances should be adequate according to Baseball Canada guidelines for league play; Provincial Championship host sites at Pee Wee Tier I will be determined based on adequate distances
- Bases must either be permanent (or permanent/magnetic) bases **or** bases pegged down with two (2) spikes (due to safety)
- Mounds are mandatory for league play (regulation heights preferred, but not enforced) at Bantam and up as well as Pee Wee ‘AAA’ (all rounds) and Pee Wee ‘AA’ Tier I league play; mounds are highly recommended for all levels of play according to Baseball Canada guidelines

- Regulation mounds are mandatory for all Provincial Championship play except for Mosquito 'A'/Tier IV and Pee Wee 'A'/Tier IV; mounds are highly recommended at all levels of play according to Baseball Canada guidelines

Dugout Assignments – Home team will occupy 3rd base dugout (except in case where a team is playing a double header and already occupies the opposing dugout)

Pre-Game Warm-Up – Home team will be allowed to take a 10-minute pre-game infield/outfield starting 30 minutes prior to game time; visiting team will be allowed to take a 10-minute infield/outfield starting 20 minutes prior to game time; if games are running late, the infield/outfield times may be adjusted or removed in order to complete all scheduled games (each team must receive the same opportunity for pre-game infield/outfield). Teams may not go beyond their allotted time for pre-game warm-up.

Pre-Game Meeting – Meeting at home plate will occur 5 – 10 minutes prior to game time with umpires and coaching representative of each team; the line-up card presented to the Home Plate umpire will be considered official (any changes must be communicated to the Official Scorekeeper); each coach must provide an official copy of their line-up card to the umpire and to the opposing team (as well as to the official scorekeeper 15 minutes prior to game time). Any player deemed to be ineligible will be removed from the line-up card at the pre-game meeting and the offending coach will be reported to Baseball Alberta by the home plate umpire.

D. GENERAL RULES FOR ALL DIVISIONS

- Failure to follow Baseball Alberta rules may result in a fine to be imposed with an amount determined based on the severity of the rules violation.
- Games must be played until one team wins (no ties)
- All games must be played and deemed complete in order to count the result (teams may not play one game for double points or flip a coin to determine winner)
- **League Play – Regulation/Suspended games as per Official Rules of Baseball**
- **Provincial Championship Play**
 - Mosquito: Games will be deemed complete if the home team is leading after 5 ½ innings **or** either team is leading after 6 complete innings **or** game is complete based on the Mercy Rule
 - Pee Wee, Bantam and Midget: Games will be deemed complete if the home team is leading after 6 ½ innings **or** either team is leading after 7 complete innings **or** game is complete based on the Mercy Rule
 - Games not complete (due to weather/darkness) must be suspended from the point of stoppage and then re-started from that point at the next possible time
- Forfeits will result in the following scores:
 - Mosquito: 6 – 0 score with winning team being awarded win, 15 offensive outs and 18 defensive outs
 - Pee Wee, Bantam and Midget: 7 – 0 score with winning team being awarded win, 18 offensive outs and 21 defensive outs
- At the 'AA' Level, additional tiers beyond Tier IV may be utilized for Provincials if Baseball Alberta deems it necessary.
- Any game (except Midget 'AAA'/'AA') where less than 9 players are at the diamond within 15 minutes past the designated start of the game will result in 7-0 forfeit (unless determined to be a scheduling error or team has communicated an acceptable situation to the host/home team); if 7 or 8 players are present, the game will still be played as an exhibition (pitch counts will still count in daily/weekly total); the opposing coach will have the option to loan that team a player(s) to play the game but that player(s) may not pitch.
- A courtesy runner may be used for catchers when they are on base with 2 outs in an inning for all regular season league games except at Midget AAA. The courtesy runner rule is not permitted for use during any Provincial Championship.

Extra-Inning Game Procedure – Pee Wee to Midget Categories

If the game is tied at the completion of regulation (7 innings), the following procedures will be implemented during extra innings: Each team will begin the extra inning (and any subsequent necessary extra innings) with a base runner on first and second, no outs. (See example below to confirm who is on first and second)

The batting order of the extra inning or any subsequent innings will be determined by how the previous inning ended. (see example below to confirm who is at bat)

The traditional system of the visiting team hitting in the top of the inning and the home team hitting in the bottom of the inning will remain in effect until a winner is determined.

Example:

If the last regulation inning ends with the #6 hitter having the last plate appearance, then the extra inning begins with the #7 hitter at bat, and the #5 hitter at second base and the #6 hitter at first base.

With the exception of beginning the inning with runners on first and second base with no one out, all other League Rules and Baseball Canada rules will remain in effect during extra innings required to determine a winner.

***This rule will be applied to all Baseball Alberta League Games and the Round Robin portion of the Provincial Championships.**

Force Play Slide Rule

The intent of the force-play-slide rule is to ensure the safety of all players. This is a safety and an interference rule. Whether the defense could have completed the double play has no bearing on the applicability of this rule. This rule pertains to a force-play situation at any base, regardless of the number of outs.

- A. On any force play, the runner must slide on the ground before the base and in a direct line between the two bases.

Exception – A runner need not slide directly into a base as long as the runner slides or runs in a direction away from the fielder to avoid making contact or altering the play of the fielder. Interference shall not be called.

1. “On the ground” means either a head-first slide or a slide with one leg and buttock on the ground before the base.
 2. “Directly into a base” means the runner’s entire body (feet, legs, trunk and arms) must stay in a straight line between the bases.
- B. Contact with a fielder is legal and interference shall not be called if the runner makes a legal slide directly to the base and in the baseline extended (see diagram).

Approved Ruling – If contact occurs on top of the base as a result of a “pop-up” slide, this contact is legal.

- C. Actions by a runner are illegal and interference shall be called if:
1. The runner slides or runs out of the base line in the direction of the fielder and alters the play of a fielder (with or without contact);
 2. The runner uses a rolling or cross-body slide and either makes contact with or alters the play of a fielder;
 3. The runner’s raised leg makes contact higher than the fielder’s knee when in a standing position;
 4. The runner slashes or kicks the fielder with either leg; or
 5. The runner illegally slides toward or contacts the fielder even if the fielder makes no attempt to throw to complete a play.

PENALTY for 1-5

1. With less than two outs, the batter-runner, as well as the interfering runner, shall be declared out and no other runner(s) shall advance.
2. With two outs, the interfering runner shall be declared out and no other runner(s) shall advance.
3. If the runner’s slide or collision is flagrant, the runner shall be ejected from the contest.

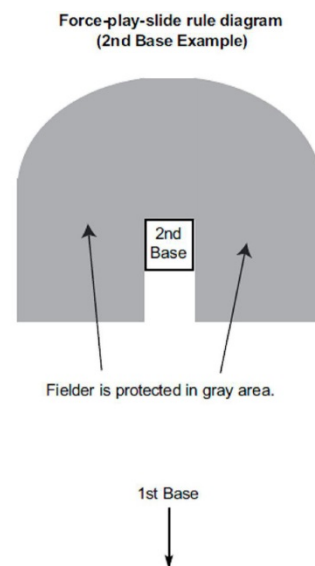
Approved Ruling – If the bases are loaded with no outs, a double-play attempt is made, and interference is called, all other runners must return to their original bases.

Note: On a force play, with a two-man umpiring system, if the plate umpire does not have a potential play at the plate, he should move toward the base to observe the runner going into second or third base. In this situation, the base umpire must follow the throw and may not see the true effect of the lead runner’s action.

Extra-Hitter (EH) Rule**League Play:**

Applicable in ALL rounds (where unlimited substitution is not applicable) up to but not including the Provincial Championships.

An Extra-Hitter (EH) may be placed on the lineup card (a 10th hitter in the batting order; can be placed anywhere in batting order) as a way to get more athletes at-bats throughout the game. This rule is optional for both teams prior to each game and DOES NOT have to be used by both teams during a game.



- A. This rule may be used in any Baseball Alberta League game that is not already hitting everyone on the lineup card.
- B. Each team has the option to use an extra hitter (EH) and bat ten (10) players. The EH must be marked on the line-up at the start of the game and must be used for the entire game.
- C. The EH may be interchanged with any other position during the game and can be changed multiple times (for example, the SS could become the EH and the EH become the SS).
- D. At the 15U (Bantam) AAA and 18U (Midget) level a team may elect to use an EH and a DH. These rules are completely separate.

Participation Rule

Divisions Affected:

Pee Wee AA, Pee Wee AAA, Bantam AA and Bantam AAA

Participation Rule – This rule will be applied during all rounds leading up to but not including Provincial Championships.

All players who are listed on the official lineup card will play a defensive position for 3 of his team's defensive outs and receive 1 plate appearance.

Exceptions:

- A. Starting pitchers will not be subjected to this rule.
 - B. In rounds where the Designated Hitter is allowed, a Designated Hitter is not required to play a defensive position during 3 of his team's defensive outs provided he receives 3 plate appearances through the course of the game.
 - C. When a team is scheduled to play 2 games in one day, the scheduled starting pitcher for the second game of the day is not subject to this participation rule during the first game. If this is the coach's intention, he should make note of that to the umpire and opposing coach prior to the first game.
 - D. Any Pee Wee pitcher who throws more than 64 pitches will not be subjected to this participation rule during a second game on the same day.
 - E. Any Bantam pitcher who throws more than 74 pitches will not be subjected to this participation rule during the second game on the same day.
- It is understood that circumstances will sometimes inhibit coaches from being able to adhere to this rule, eg. 10 run mercy rule shortened games, rain shortened games.
 - Score sheets will not be submitted to Baseball Alberta to determine coaches' adherence to this participation rule. Baseball Alberta will rely on the professionalism and ethics of its coaches to adhere to this rule. Baseball Alberta encourages opposition coaches as well as outside observers to report cases of non-compliance.
 - Any coach or team who is found to have deliberately failed to comply with this rule will be subject to sanctions according to Baseball Alberta's Discipline Policy.

E. PEE WEE & BANTAM 'AAA'

All Rounds of Play EXCLUDING Provincial Championships

- **Fair Play Rule** – All players listed on the official lineup card will play a defensive position for 3 of his/her team's defensive outs and receive 1 plate appearance.

Round 1:

Baseball Canada rules (including pitching restrictions/limitations) except for the following:

- **Unlimited Substitution** – every player present will be placed on the line-up card in the batting order and will all bat in order; players are allowed to move in/out defensively without restrictions except that if the pitcher leaves the mound defensively (for another position or to sit out a defensive inning), that pitcher may not return to the mound or catch in the same game; any player who becomes injured or must leave the game will be skipped in the batting line-up with no penalty
- **Mercy Rule** is in effect (10 run differential when the losing team has completed their 5th offensive inning)

All Other Rounds and Provincial Championships:

Baseball Canada rules apply for the Pee Wee and Bantam division (**limited substitution/re-entry rule**, please see examples on page 26) **including a pitcher may not return to the mound if removed from the mound or the game** except for the following:

- **Mercy Rule** is in effect.
- In the event that a player is ejected or injured and no substitute is available, the last player substituted for may re-enter the game and thus, there will be no forfeit (unless the injury/ejection leave the team with 8 players remaining).
- **The designated hitter may be utilized at the Bantam 'AAA' level for rounds 2 & 3 of regular season league play. The designated hitter rule is not permitted during the Provincial Championship.**
- Designated Hitter/Limited Re-entry - Regarding the use of the Designated Hitter with limited re-entry rules, the termination of the Designated Hitter in the game also eliminates the re-entry for the starting Designated Hitter.

F. MIDGET 'AAA'

- The regular season shall consist of an approximate 35 game schedule for each member team based on geography and number of teams.
- Teams can play unlimited innings to break any ties. In the event of the game having to be stopped due to darkness, weather, curfew, and/or mechanical failure, the game will be reverted back to the last completed inning and will be recorded as a tie game.
- The **HOME** team will be responsible for providing sufficient Official Baseball Alberta approved baseballs for every game to umpires or to the starting pitchers and umpires as the case may be. Failure to do so will result in a penalty being imposed by Baseball Alberta.

For April/May Games Only

Baseball Canada rules (including DH) except for:

- **Limited Substitution Rule is optional** (if agreed to by both coaches) including ability to re-enter last player substituted for in case of injury/ejection with no substitutes are still available; a pitcher who is removed from the game shall not be allowed to pitch or catch again that game

NorWest League ONLY – Four pitch intentional walks will not count towards a pitchers pitch count. Four consecutive balls still need to be thrown. Rule only applies if intentional walk is four consecutive balls at the beginning of the at bat thrown to a catcher who is not in the crouch position.

All Other Play

Baseball Canada Official Rules of Baseball (including DH) except for:

- **Mercy Rule** in Effect.

G. MOSQUITO 'A' & 'AA'

All Rounds of League Play and Provincial Championships

Baseball Canada rules except where identified for the following:

- **Unlimited Substitution** – every player present will be placed on the line-up card in the batting order and will all bat in order; players are allowed to move in/out defensively without restrictions except that if the pitcher leaves the mound to play another defensive position, that pitcher may not return to the mound or catch in the same game (see fair play rule below); any player who becomes injured or must leave the game will be skipped in the batting line-up with no penalty
- **All players who are present for a game and in uniform** (unless injured and unable to play or suspended for that game by the league or team) **must be listed on the batting order/line-up card – any coach who sits a player to gain a competitive advantage will be subject to discipline by Baseball Alberta.**
- **FAIR PLAY RULE** – A player may not sit more than 2 consecutive defensive innings (one pitch constitutes an inning sat)
- Mercy Rule is in effect (10 run differential when the losing team has completed their 4th offensive inning/at bat)
- No new inning to start after 2 ½ hours of play, unless game is tied.
- All games are of six innings to be completed, if time and weather permits. However, three and a half (3½) innings constitute a regulation game if the home team has more runs than the visiting team.
- **Mosquito 'A' Only - Maximum 5 Run/Half Inning Rule.** For Mosquito 'A' once the 5th run of a half inning is scored the inning automatically stops no matter how many outs there are and that half inning is
- **Mosquito 'AA' Only - Maximum 7 Run/Half Inning Rule** – In Rounds 1 & 2 once the 7th run of a half inning is scored the inning automatically stops no matter how many outs there are and that half inning is over.
- **Mosquito 'AA' Only** - When a team has a lead of seven or more runs, the runner(s) of this team can reach the following base only if the ball is hit or if he is forced to advance. If the runner reaches the next base, he is returned to his base and

the ball is dead. A baserunner(s) is able to advance should the defense attempt to make a defensive play to retire a baserunner.

Other basic rules for all Mosquito divisions;

- Bunts are allowed
- Stealing is permitted once the pitched ball has crossed home plate. If there is a violation, the runner is returned to his base and the ball is dead.
- The batter cannot become a runner on a catcher's miss of a third strike. The third strike, either called or swinging does NOT have to be caught by the catcher. The batter is automatically retired. However, the ball is alive and in play for runners that are on base.
- No lead offs
- Runners can advance on passed balls this includes attempting to score at home plate
- No open innings (always follow run rule). But all games must be completed.

H. PEE WEE & BANTAM 'AA'

For the PEE WEE 'AA' division there will be a **Maximum 7 Run/Half Inning Rule (Round 1 only)**. Once the 7th run of a half inning is scored the inning automatically stops no matter how many outs there are and that half inning is over.

Rounds 1 and 2:

Baseball Canada rules (including pitching restrictions/limitations) except for the following:

- **Unlimited Substitution** – every player present will be placed on the line-up card in the batting order and will all bat in order; players are allowed to move in/out defensively without restrictions except that if the pitcher leaves the mound to play another defensive position, that pitcher may not return to the mound or catch in the same game; any player who becomes injured or must leave the game will be skipped in the batting line-up with no penalty
- **All players who are present for a game and in uniform** (unless injured and unable to play or suspended for that game by the league or team) **must be listed on the batting order/line-up card – any coach who sits a player to gain a competitive advantage will be subject to discipline by Baseball Alberta.**
- **Mercy Rule** is in effect (10 run differential when the losing team has completed their 5th offensive inning/at bat)
- **Fair Play Rule** – All players listed on the official lineup card will play a defensive position for 3 of his/her team's defensive outs and receive 1 plate appearance (see pg. 2 for further details).
- No new inning to start after 2 ½ hours of play, unless game is tied.

Round 3 and Provincial Championships:

Baseball Canada rules apply for the Pee Wee and Bantam division (**limited substitution/re-entry rule**, please see examples on page 26) **including a pitcher may not return to the mound if removed from the mound or the game** except for the following:

- **Mercy Rule** is in effect (10 run differential when the losing team has completed their 5th offensive inning/at bat)
- In the event a player is ejected/injured and no substitute is available, the last player substituted for may re-enter the game and thus, there will be no forfeit (unless the injury/ejection leaves the team with only 8 players remaining)
- **Fair Play Rule (ROUND 3 ONLY)** – All players listed on the official lineup card will play a defensive position for 3 of his/her team's defensive outs and receive 1 plate appearance (see pg. 2 for further details).

I. MIDGET 'AA'

Rounds 1 and 2 for All; Round 3 and Provincial Championships for Tiers II, III and IV

Baseball Canada rules (including DH) except for:

- **Limited Substitution (Re-Entry) Rule** including ability to re-enter last player substituted for in case of injury/ejection when no substitutes are still available; a pitcher who leaves the mound or the game may not pitch again in that game or catch in the same game (Please see Limited Substitution examples on page 26)
- **If both coaches agree in Rounds 1 and 2, teams may play utilizing the Unlimited Substitution Rule to enhance player development** (all players bat and free defensive movement in/out except that once a pitcher leaves the mound defensively, that pitcher may not pitch again in that game)
- **Mercy Rule** in Effect (10 run differential when the losing team has completed their 5th offensive inning/at bat)

- Designated Hitter/Limited Re-entry - Regarding the use of the Designated Hitter with limited re-entry rules, the termination of the Designated Hitter in the game also eliminates the re-entry for the starting Designated Hitter.

Tier I – Round 3 and Provincial Championship

Baseball Canada Official Rules of Baseball except for:

- **Mercy Rule** in Effect (10 run differential when the losing team has completed their 5th offensive inning/at bat)
- Any game where less than 9 players are at the diamond within 15 minutes past the designated start of the game will result in 7-0 forfeit (unless determined to be a scheduling error or team has communicated an acceptable situation to the host/home team); if 7 or 8 players are present (except for Provincial Championship weekend), the game will still be played (pitch counts will still count in daily/weekly total); the opposing coach will have the option to loan that team a player(s) to play the game but that player(s) may not pitch.

J. ALL 'A' DIVISIONS

Baseball Canada rules except where identified for the following:

- **Unlimited Substitution** – every player present will be placed on the line-up card in the batting order and will all bat in order; players are allowed to move in/out defensively without restrictions except that if the pitcher leaves the mound to play another defensive position, that pitcher may not return to the mound (see fair play rule below); any player who becomes injured or must leave the game will be skipped in the batting line-up with no penalty
- **All players who are present for a game and in uniform** (unless injured and unable to play or suspended for that game by the league or team) **must be listed on the batting order/line-up card – any coach who sits a player to gain a competitive advantage will be subject to discipline by Baseball Alberta**
- **FAIR PLAY RULE—A player may not sit more than 2 consecutive defensive innings (one pitch constitutes an inning sat)**
- Mercy Rule is in effect (10 run differential when the losing team has completed their 4th offensive inning/at bat for Mosquito or their 5th offensive inning/at bat for Pee Wee/Bantam).
- **Maximum 5 Run/Half Inning Rule.** For Pee Wee and Mosquito 'A' once the 5th run of a half inning is scored the inning automatically stops no matter how many outs there are and that half inning is over.
- **No new inning to start after 2 ½ hours of play, unless game is tied (Pee Wee and Mosquito 'A' only).**

Limited Substitution Examples:

1. Player A starts the game in right field and batting 3rd in the batting order. In the 4th inning, Player B replaces Player A in right field and is now hitting 3rd in the batting order. In the 6th inning, Player A re-enters the game in right field for Player B and returns to the 3rd spot in the batting order. Player B is no longer eligible to return to the game.
2. Player A starts the game at shortstop and batting 3rd in the batting order. In the 2nd inning, Player B replaces Player A in the batting order but is playing right field; Player C is now at shortstop. In the 5th inning, Player A re-enters the game and replaces Player B in the batting order and returns to playing shortstop. Player C moves to right field. Player B is no longer eligible to return to the game.
3. Player A starts the game as the pitcher and is batting 9th in the batting order. In the 4th inning, Player B comes into the game to pitch and replaces Player A in the batting order. In the 6th inning, Player A re-enters the game for Player B but moves to shortstop. Player C who was the shortstop is now pitching. Player A remains at 9th in the batting order and Player B is no longer eligible to return to the game.
4. Player A starts the game as pitcher and is batting 9th in the batting order. Player C starts the game at shortstop and is batting 5th in the batting order. In the 4th inning, Player B come into the game to pitch; Player A moves from pitcher to shortstop; Player C is removed from the game. Player B has replaced Player C and is now batting 5th in the batting order, Player A remains batting 9th in the batting order. In the 6th inning, Player C re-enters the game for Player B to pitch; Player C is now batting 5th in the batting order; Player B is no longer eligible to return.

K. PITCH COUNTS & VIOLATION POLICIES

Definitions and Terms Specific to Pitch Count Policy and pitching rules for the 2016 Season:

1. Any player on the team is eligible to pitch, and there are no restrictions to the number of pitchers a manager may use in a game.
2. Pitchers shall be permitted to have 2 appearances in the same calendar day. If a pitcher requires a rest following 1st appearance, they cannot return in the same calendar day (see examples below).

3. Pitcher cannot pitch 3 consecutive days unless a pitcher's first 2 days combined does not exceed:

- A. Mosquito – 20 league/25 provincials
- B. Pee Wee – 25 league/30 provincials
- C. Bantam Boys/Girls – 30 league/35 provincials
- D. Midget – 30 league/40 provincials

If a pitcher's Day 1 + Day 2 exceed the figure above for their division, they require rest as defined in the pitch count chart. Pitcher's cannot pitch 4 consecutive days. (See examples below)

- 4. A pitcher who has pitched on 2 consecutive days and whose total exceeds the low category maximum allowance will not be able to pitch again on the second day.
- 5. Pitchers and managers shall follow the following guidelines for the Baseball Alberta Provincial League:

Provincial League Play Pitch Counts

	Mosquito	Pee Wee	Bantam	Midget	Rest Required
Low	1 – 20	1 – 25	1 – 30	1 – 30	None
Medium Low	21 – 30	26 – 35	31 – 40	31 – 44	1 day
Medium	31 – 44	36 – 54	41 – 59	45 – 64	2 days
Medium High	45 – 54	55 – 64	60 – 74	65 – 79	3 days
High	55 – 70	65 – 80	75 – 90	80 – 100	4 days
Maximum	70	80	90	100	

- 6. The official scorekeeper will calculate the total pitches thrown for that calendar day and determine the required rest starting the next calendar day. Athletes must not exceed the maximum pitch count total for that day.
- 7. Once a player assumes the position of pitcher, they cannot catch for the remainder of the day (see example below).
- 8. Pitchers will be permitted to finish the batter if his or her maximum pitch limit has been reached for that calendar day.
- 9. Intentional Walks will be included in Pitch Count totals.
- 10. Required Rest shall be defined in "Days" starting at 12:01am and ending at 11:59pm of the next calendar day.
- 11. If a game continues past 12:01am, those pitches are counted as if the pitched prior to midnight. If a game is suspended, when it resumes it is defined as a different day.
- 12. A pitcher who is removed from the mound during a game shall not be permitted to return to pitch in the same game, even if pitcher is retained in the game at another position.

Baseball Alberta Specific Rules

- 13. The scorekeeper will inform the umpire of the pitch count when a count is nearing the end of a pitcher's daily limits. The umpire will then notify the team manager or coach of the offending team so that an opportunity for assignment correction may be immediately affected.
- 14. The Official League Regular Season final weekend will be defined as the weekend prior to the scheduled Provincial Championship at each competition level.
- 15. No Breaking Balls shall be permitted at the **Mosquito** and **Pee Wee** divisions – if a coach feels that the opposing team's pitchers are throwing breaking balls the umpire will be notified and if deemed necessary a note will be placed in the game report. The Baseball Alberta office will investigate and follow the same procedure used for pitch count violations.
 - A. A Breaking Ball shall be defined as any pitch where the hand is pronated, supinated, turned or snapped in a fashion where the baseball rotates in a side to side, forward spinning or with unnatural action that is not consistent with the pitchers natural fastball rotation.
- 16. Change-Ups and off speed pitches where the baseball rotates in a similar fashion to a fastball will be permitted at all levels and should be observed by the umpire prior to an appearance during warm-up.

Pitcher Warm-Up Rule can be utilized by all divisions (only during limited substitution) – A position player that is scheduled to pitch may exit the game to warm-up and re-enter with the intent of throwing the first pitch of the next defensive inning. The substitute player will not lose eligibility unless the pitcher does not begin the inning following the warm-up period and will then be considered active. The pitcher would then lose playing eligibility in the game. The substitute player must not have previously been in the game.

Pitch Count Examples

Two appearances in the same day

Example 1:

Game 1: In a Bantam game, John throws 29 pitches which is in the LOW category allowing him to pitch again in the same day.

Game 2: John may pitch in Game 2 of on the same day, but may not start a new batter after 61 pitches are thrown in this game taking his total to the maximum allowed 90 pitches for one day. Now, John must rest the required 4 days as defined by the rule.

Example 2:

Game 1: In a Bantam game, John records 31 pitches in the first game Saturday morning which is in the MEDIUM LOW category. Therefore, he is required to take one day of rest beginning at midnight Saturday and he is unavailable to pitch Sunday.

Any pitcher exceeding the maximum number of pitches in the LOW category will not be able to pitch in a second game that day and must rest for the number of days required for the category of pitches thrown.

Pitching three days in a row

Example 1:

Day 1: In a Pee Wee game, Bill throws 12 pitches and does not record any more pitches on day 1

Day 2: Bill throws 12 pitches for a total of 24 pitches in two consecutive days which is under the LOW category maximum allowance

Day 3: Bill may now throw a third consecutive day and up to the maximum pitches allow for one day. In the Pee Wee category Bill could throw a maximum of 80 pitches on the third day.

Example 2:

Day 1: In a Pee Wee game, Bill throws 12 pitches and does not record any more pitches on day 1

Day 2: Bill throws 14 pitches for a total of 26 pitches in two consecutive days which is above the LOW category maximum allowance. Bill will now be required to take one (1) day rest as defined in the pitch count chart.

Pitching and catching in the same day

Example 1:

John starts the game a shortstop and then enters the game as a pitcher in the 4th inning. He cannot move to the catching position for that game or any other game later in the day.

Example 2:

John starts the game at catcher and then enters the game as a pitcher in the 4th inning. He cannot move back to catching for the remainder of that game or any other game later in the day.

Provincial Championship Play Pitch Counts

These pitch totals begin the Monday of the Provincial Championships

	Mosquito	Pee Wee	Bantam	Midget	Rest Required
Low	1 – 25	1 – 30	1 – 35	1 – 40	None
Medium Low	26 – 40	31 – 45	36 – 50	41 – 55	1 day
Medium	41 – 55	46 – 60	51 – 65	56 – 70	2 days
Medium High	56 – 65	61 – 75	66 – 80	71 – 85	3 days
High	66 – 75	76 – 85	81 – 95	86 – 105	4 days
Maximum	75	85	95	105	

Pitch Count Violation Policies

Head Coaches or Team Managers will be responsible for adhering to the Pitch Count policy. If an infraction occurs, then the following will occur as a result of non-compliance. The policies will be inclusive of one calendar season.

- **1st Infraction** – A written warning will be issued to Head Coach or Team Manager
- **2nd Infraction** – A 1 game suspension will be issued to the Head Coach or Team Manager
- **3rd Infraction** – A 3 game suspension will be issued to the Head Coach or Team Manager

- **4th Infraction** – A minimum 5 game suspension and “Prohibited Indefinitely Status” will be issued to the Head Coach or Team Manager

The violation of any pitching rules may result in forfeiture of game in which the violation occurred. When the use of a pitcher who is ineligible or about to become ineligible is evident, scorekeepers or other officials MUST notify the team manager or coach of the offending team so that an opportunity for assignment correction may be immediately affected.

Baseball Alberta will have the option to increase suspension time based on the violation and the coach must be reinstated with written approval from Baseball Alberta. A subsequent fine may also be incurred along with follow up re-certification.

Pitch Count Hearing Policy – At any point in the process a suspended or fined manager or coach may request a hearing involving Baseball Alberta; a \$100.00 cost will be incurred

Appeal Policy – At any point in the process a suspended or fined manager or coach may appeal a decision. A \$200.00 cost will be incurred if the decision is upheld.

Provincial Championship Pitch Count Violation Procedure

Scorekeepers and coaches must identify any potential infraction before that infraction occurs. No protest will be heard after the fact.

Any infraction that is identified after it occurs will result in the removal of the player from the pitching position and no protest or forfeiture will occur.

Posting/Updating of Pitch Count totals (Poster Boards) should be displayed at all diamonds being used during Provincial Championship tournament.

L. PROTESTS

The Home and Visiting Team must each assign 2 Protest Committee members to decide on protests in Provincial League games. In order for a protest to be lodged, the protesting team must notify the umpire of the request to protest the decision/call before the next pitch, play, or attempted play. If the umpire agrees the protest is legal, the protesting team must provide \$100 in cash to the Official Scorekeeper to officially launch the protest. The Protest Committee (4 members) will then be summoned and will hear the protest. The Committee will remove themselves from the area of play to discuss the protest and make a decision (through a majority vote) utilizing the rules of play for Baseball Canada/Baseball Alberta.

If the Committee cannot reach a majority vote on the protest, the Official Scorekeeper will then put all 4 names and their vote on separate pieces of paper and place in a hat, drawing out 3 names. The majority of the votes will then be decided by those 3 names drawn and will be accepted as the Protest Committee decision.

If the protest is upheld (protesting team wins the protest), the protesting team will be given their \$100 cash back and the game will resume from the point of stoppage with the new decision taking effect.

If the protest is not upheld (protesting team loses the protest), the \$100 will be sent into Baseball Alberta with a copy of the protest report and the game will resume from the point of the stoppage.

The Protest Committee must then ensure that the Protest Report is completed and left with the Official Scorekeeper (to be sent in by the Hosting Coordinator with the Game Summary Report to Baseball Alberta).

Protest Committee members should be objective individuals with good knowledge of the game of baseball.

PROTESTS – Provincial Championships

- The host site shall appoint at least two members to the Protest Committee. The Tournament Director and two members shall deal with all protests and disputes arising in a playoff and their ruling shall be final and binding.
- The Umpire and the Tournament Director in attendance shall be notified, at the time of alleged infraction, that a protest is being lodged.
- A decision based on an umpire's judgment shall offer no basis for protest.

- In reaching its decision on any legitimate protest, the Protest Committee shall meet immediately with the game umpires and the team managers involved in the dispute, with the game remaining in a state of suspension until a decision is made.
- No protest shall be considered by this committee unless the prescribed fee of \$100 has been paid in cash. This fee shall be returned if the protest is upheld.
- Any member of the Board of Directors involved in a protest shall be disqualified from voting on the protest.

DISCIPLINARY GUIDELINES

A. GAME EJECTIONS & INCIDENT REPORTS

Each game ejection (players, coaches and fans) will be tracked through Game Summary Reports filled out by the Official Scorekeeper and followed up through Incident Reports provided by the umpire. All reports will be sent to Baseball Alberta and will be filed and tracked for the entire season. While most individual ejections will not result in more disciplinary action, some incidents or groups of incidents may constitute further action. Baseball Alberta Disciplinary Guidelines are available on the Baseball Alberta website.

B. OTHER PENALTIES

These are other infractions and resulting penalties/discipline that may occur within the Baseball Alberta League. All infractions are subject to a review by the Baseball Alberta Discipline Committee.

1. Not Showing for a Scheduled League/Provincial Championship Game

(Without notice; or walking off the field during a game; or withdrawal from play by a team official)

- Automatic team suspension pending Baseball Alberta Review
- Possible fine as determined by the Board of Directors

Note: Failure to complete league scheduled games could result in the suspension of the team for Provincial Championship play at the discretion of Baseball Alberta.

2. Cancellation of a Scheduled League Game

(Non-weather related with less than 2 days' notice)

- Automatic team suspension pending Baseball Alberta Review
- Possible fine as determined by the Board of Directors

Note: Failure to complete league scheduled games could result in the suspension of the team for Provincial Championship play at the discretion of Baseball Alberta.

3. Refusal to Travel to a Scheduled League/Provincial Championship Game

- **1st Offense** – Forfeit loss assigned to team and five (5) game suspension of Head Coach.
- **2nd Offense** – Team Suspended from play for the remainder of the season; Head Coach suspended for the following season.

Note: Failure to complete league scheduled games could result in the suspension of the team for Provincial Championship play at the discretion of Baseball Alberta.

4. Refusal by a Team(s) to Play/Make-Up a Scheduled Game

- **1st Offense** – Forfeit loss assigned to team and five (5) game suspension of Head Coach.
- **2nd Offense** – Head Coach suspended for the remainder of the season; Team suspended for three (3) games.
- **3rd Offense** – Team suspended from play for the remainder of the season.

Note: Failure to complete league scheduled games could result in the suspension of the team for Provincial Championship play at the discretion of Baseball Alberta.

5. Team Removing Themselves from the Remainder of the Schedule

- Based on a review by the Baseball Alberta Discipline Committee & review of team/individual suspensions by Baseball Alberta.

6. Not Using Rawlings Baseballs for Provincial Championships

- Based on a review by the Baseball Alberta Discipline Committee.

7. Failure to be Present at the Opening Ceremonies of the Provincial Championship (without approval)

- Based on a review by the Baseball Alberta Discipline Committee

8. Not Submitting Required Game Information

Game Summary Reports and Weekly Pitching Reports – Mosquito to Midget from Host Game(s) by Deadline (Noon on the next business day after the game(s) were played)

- Baseball Alberta Office will request the paperwork with an assigned deadline.
- After deadline has passed; a \$100 fine will be issued per occurrence.

9. **Playing an Illegal/Ineligible Player**

Please note that Baseball Alberta is providing options for teams through use of Affiliate Players and Replacement Players to ensure teams have enough players to field a team. Also, teams who are short will not be sanctioned past their 7-0 forfeit loss in order to keep kids playing the game as long as they show up to play. Dishonesty and cheating will not be tolerated.

- **1st Occurrence** – Forfeit Loss Assigned to team in Question and Three (3) Game Suspension of Head Coach as Listed on Approved Roster
- **2nd Occurrence** – Forfeit Loss Assigned to Team in Question, Ten (10) Game Suspension of Head Coach Listed on Approved Roster
- **3rd Occurrence** – One Year Suspension of Head Coach and Suspension of Team for Remainder of Season

10. **Player and/or Coach Who Quits or is Suspended from a Team**

- Player and/or Coach will be deemed ineligible for the remainder of the season (or until suspension is lifted) – will not be eligible to be added to any roster (including Western/National Championship roster), will not be available as an Affiliate Player and will not be eligible for pick-up for Provincial Championship play

11. **Player and/or Coach Conduct Towards Umpires**

- Automatic review of incidents by Baseball Alberta. Any discipline administered as per Baseball Alberta suspension guidelines.

PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

A. CHAMPIONSHIP FORMAT

Baseball Alberta will cover all umpire travel and accommodation expenses for all Provincial Championships. All teams (including host) at Provincial Championships will be responsible for paying for half of the umpire game fees in games which they participate in. If a 3 man umpire system is used, then each team will be responsible for 1 ½ umpire game fees per game played.

For the Pee Wee and Bantam 'AAA' Divisions the top 4, 5, 6 or 8 teams (dependent on number of teams registered) will compete at the Provincial Championship. The Midget 'AAA' Provincial Championship will be determined by the number of teams registered. The number of teams in the Tier I Provincial Championship and the Tier II Provincial Championship is dependent on the amount of teams registered in that division/category; see League Objectives. The 'AAA' Provincial Championships will be held August 4th – 6th for Pee Wee, Bantam. Midget 'AAA' Provincial Championships will be held August 6th – 8th.

For the 'AA' Divisions, depending on the number of teams in each tier Provincial Championships will consist of 4, 5, 6, or 8 teams. 'AA' Provincials will be played on the following weekends;

- **July 28th – 30th, 2017** – Mosquito, Pee Wee, Bantam, Midget AA Tier III, IV, V
- **August 4th – 6th, 2017** – Mosquito, Pee Wee, Bantam, Midget 'AA' Tier I/II

For the 'A' Divisions, the top team(s) from each region of play plus the designated host will play in the 'A' Provincial Championship to be held July 21 – 23, 2017.

Any team that fails to appear at any Baseball Alberta Provincial tournament game will be removed from the tournament, forfeit all games (even games already completed). Baseball Alberta reserves the right to enforce this decision based on the circumstances surrounding the reasons for missing the game.

Any team that fails to be present at the Opening Ceremonies at any Provincial Championship without approval from the Host Committee and Baseball Alberta may be subject to additional discipline upon review by Baseball Alberta.

Four-team Championships will be a round robin with top 2 teams playing in the final. *If the first place team is undefeated after the round robin portion of the Championship, that team must be beaten twice ('AAA' only).*

Five-team Championship draws will be a Round Robin format, schedule will be based on distances from host site. Each team is guaranteed 4 games; the top two teams after Round Robin will compete in the Championship game if there are no tiebreakers. If the first place team is undefeated after the round robin portion of the Championship, that team must be beaten twice ('AAA' only).

Six-team Championship draws will utilize two pools based on final rankings with a round robin in each pool and cross-over semi-finals. Winners of the semi-finals will play in the Provincial Championship game. Each team will be guaranteed 3 games in the Provincial Championship weekends (3rd place teams in the six-team Championships will play a consolation game unless both teams are involved in a tiebreaker game). Monday will be utilized in case of poor weather.

Eight-team Championship draws require two diamonds. There will be two pools based on final rankings (Pool A – 1st, 4th, 5th and 8th seeds; Pool B – 2nd, 3rd, 6th and 7th seeds). After Round Robin play within each pool, the semi-finals will consist of the 1st place team out of Pool A will play the 2nd place team out of Pool B while the second place team out of pool A will play 1st place team in Pool B. Winners of the semi-final compete in the Championship game.

Championship tournaments of more than 8 teams will require 2 diamonds and will be seeded and scheduled by Baseball Alberta using National Championship guidelines

If a host center wishes to change the provincial championship draw for any reason (opening ceremonies, etc), request must be submitted in writing to the Baseball Alberta office before July 15th.

Admission Fees for Provincial Championships – No admission fees are permitted without written permission from Baseball Alberta.

Best Practice – Provincial Championship Umpire Payments

Host site should collect all Round Robin umpire game fees from each team at the pre-tournament meeting. All teams should pay the exact same amount for umpire game fees for the Round Robin portion of the tournament. Below is an example of the best practice for host sites to collect the correct payment from each team for a 5 team Provincial Championship at the Pee Wee level;

There are a total of 10 round robin games in a 5 team Provincial Championship, 3 of which have game times that start before 6pm on a weekday which must include the \$15/umpire premium.

3 Round Robin games that begin before 6pm on weekday - \$55/umpire x 2 umpires x 3 games = \$330.00

7 Round Robin games at the regular umpire rate of \$40/umpire - \$40/umpire x 2 umpires x 7 games = \$560.00

Total Umpire game fees for the Round Robin is \$890.00, divide the total round robin game fees by the 5 participating teams. In this particular tournament each team would pay the host site \$178.00 to cover each team's Round Robin games.

Teams that move onto tiebreaker games, semi-finals and the championship would then need to pay for one umpire game fee for every game they participate in after the Round Robin portion of the schedule is complete.

*All umpire travel and accommodations for Provincial Championships is covered by Baseball Alberta.



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4 Team Provincial Championships

(All Teams to be Ranked Based on Results)

Day	Game #	Time	Visitor	Home
Friday		12:00pm	Pre-Tournament Meeting (Mandatory)	
	1	3:00pm	Team #3	Team #2
		6:00pm	Opening Ceremonies	
	2	6:30pm	Team #1	Team #4
Saturday	3	9:00am	Team #4	Team #2
	4	12:00pm	Team #3	Team #1
	5	3:00pm	Team #4	Team #3
	6	6:00pm	Team #2	Team #1



IF there are no ties for 1st or 2nd; or IF 2 teams tied for 1st (tie broken utilizing tiebreaking rules):

Sunday	7	12:00pm	2 nd Place	vs.	1 st Place	Provincial Championship
	8*	3:00pm	2 nd Place	vs.	1 st Place	Provincial Championship

**If 1st place team is undefeated in round robin portion of Championship and defeated in Game 7 ('AAA' Only)*

IF 3 Teams Tied for 1st (tie broken utilizing tiebreaking rules):

Sunday	7	10:00am	3 rd Place	vs.	2 nd Place	Semi-Final/Tiebreaker
	8	2:00pm*	Winner G7	vs.	1 st Place	Provincial Championship

**Or earlier if acceptable by semi-final/tiebreaker winning team*

IF 2 or 3 Teams Tied for 2nd (4th place team eliminated by tiebreaking rules):

Sunday	7	10:00am	3 rd Place	vs.	2 nd Place	Semi-Final/Tiebreaker
	8	1:00pm	Winner G7	vs.	1 st Place	Provincial Championship
	9*	4:00pm	Winner G7	vs.	1 st Place	Provincial Championship

**If 1st place team is undefeated in round robin portion of Championship and defeated in Game 7 ('AAA' Only)*

In all cross-over Semi-Final and Tiebreaker Provincial Championship games, the higher placed team after the Round Robin may choose to be Home or Visitor.



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5 Team Provincial Championships

(Teams to be Placed According to Distance Away from Host; Team A being closest to Host, Team D being furthest)

Day	Game #	Time	Visitor		Home
Friday	1	9:00am	Host	vs.	Team A
	2	12:00pm	Team B	vs.	Team C
	3	3:00pm	Team A	vs.	Team D
	4	6:00pm	Team C	vs.	Host
Saturday	5	9:00am	Team B	vs.	Team D
	6	12:00pm	Team C	vs.	Team A
	7	3:00pm	Team D	vs.	Host
	8	6:00pm	Team A	vs.	Team B
Sunday	9	9:00am	Team D	vs.	Team C
	10	12:00pm	Host	vs.	Team B



IF there are no ties for 1st Place:

Sunday	11	3:00pm	2 nd Place	vs.	1 st Place	Provincial Championship
Monday	12*	10:00am	2 nd Place	vs.	1 st Place	Provincial Championship

**If 1st place team is undefeated in round robin portion of Championship and defeated in Game 7 ('AAA' Only)*

IF there are 3 teams tied for 1st place (teams ranked based on tiebreaking rules)

Sunday	11	3:00pm	3 rd Place	vs.	2 nd Place	Semi-Final/Tiebreaker
Monday	12	10:00am	Winner G11	vs.	1 st Place	Provincial Championship

IF there are more than 3 teams tied for 1st place (teams ranked based on tiebreaking rules)

Sunday	11	3:00pm	3 rd Place	vs.	2 nd Place	Semi-Final/Tiebreaker
	12	6:00pm	4 th Place	vs.	1 st Place	Semi-Final/Tiebreaker
Monday	13	12:00pm	Winner G11	vs.	Winner G12	Provincial Championship

In all cross-over Semi-Final and Tiebreaker Provincial Championship games, the higher placed team after the Round Robin may choose to be Home or Visitor.

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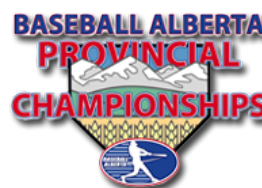
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6 Team Provincial Championships

(All Teams to be Ranked Based on Results)

<u>Pool A</u>	<u>Pool B</u>
Team #1	Team #2
Team #4	Team #3
Team #6	Team #5

Day	Game #	Time	Visitor	Home
Friday		12:00pm	Pre-Tournament Meeting (Mandatory)	
	1	3:00pm	Team #3	Team #2
		6:00pm	Opening Ceremonies	
	2	6:30pm	Team #4	Team #1
Saturday	3	9:00am	Team #5	Team #3
	4	12:00pm	Team #6	Team #4
	5	3:00pm	Team #2	Team #5
	6	6:00pm	Team #1	Team #6

**IF there are no ties in either pool:**

Sunday	7	9:00am	3 rd Pool A	vs.	3 rd Pool B	Consolation Final
			<i>(Home Team to be team with best record in pool or coin flip)</i>			
	8	12:00pm	2 nd Pool B	vs.	1 st Pool A	Semi-Final
	9	3:00pm	2 nd Pool A	vs.	1 st Pool B	Semi-Final
	10	6:00pm	Winner G8	vs.	Winner G9	Provincial Championship
			<i>(Home Team to be team with best record in pool or coin flip)</i>			

IF there are 3 teams tied in 1 pool (teams ranked based on tiebreaking rules):

Sunday	7	8:00am	3 rd Pool A/B	vs.	2 nd Pool A/B	Tiebreaker
	8	10:30am	Loser G7	vs.	3 rd Other Pool	Consolation Final
			<i>(Home Team to be team with best record in pool or coin flip)</i>			
	9	1:00pm	2 nd Pool B	vs.	1 st Pool A	Semi-Final
	10	3:30pm	2 nd Pool A	vs.	1 st Pool B	Semi-Final
	11	7:00pm	Winner G9	vs.	Winner G10	Provincial Championship
			<i>(Home Team to be team with best record in pool or coin flip)</i>			

IF there are 3 teams tied in both pools (teams ranked based on tiebreaking rules):

Sunday	7	8:00am	3 rd Pool B	vs.	2 nd Pool B	Tiebreaker
	8	10:30am	3 rd Pool A	vs.	2 nd Pool A	Tiebreaker
	9	1:00pm	Winner G7	vs.	1 st Pool A	Semi-Final
	10	3:30pm	Winner G8	vs.	1 st Pool B	Semi-Final
	11	7:00pm	Winner G9	vs.	Winner G10	Provincial Final
			<i>(Home Team to be team with best record in pool or coin flip)</i>			

In all cross-over Semi-Final and Tiebreaker Provincial Championship games, the higher placed team after the Round Robin may choose to be Home or Visitor.

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8 Team Provincial Championships

(All Teams to be Ranked Based on Results)

Pool A

Team #1
Team #4
Team #5
Team #8

Pool B

Team #2
Team #3
Team #6
Team #7



Day	Time	Game #	Visitor		Home	Game #	Visitor		Home
Friday	9:00am	1	Team #7	vs.	Team #3				
	12:00pm	2	Team #8	vs.	Team #4				
	3:00pm	3	Team #6	vs.	Team #2				
	6:00pm	4	Team #5	vs.	Team #1				
Saturday	9:00am	5	Team #4	vs.	Team #5	6	Team #3	vs.	Team #6
	12:00pm	7	Team #1	vs.	Team #8	8	Team #2	vs.	Team #7
	3:00pm	9	Team #5	vs.	Team #8	10	Team #6	vs.	Team #7
			<i>(Flip for Home Team)</i>						<i>(Flip for Home Team)</i>
	6:00pm	11	Team #4	vs.	Team #1	12	Team #3	vs.	Team #2
			<i>(Flip for Home Team)</i>						<i>(Flip for Home Team)</i>

ALTERNATE DRAW – 2 DIAMONDS USED FIRST DAY (must apply to Baseball Alberta by July 1st to use)

Friday	9:00am	1	Team #5	vs.	Team #4	2	Team #6	vs.	Team #3
	12:00pm	3	Team #8	vs.	Team #1	4	Team #7	vs.	Team #2
	3:00pm	5	Team #4	vs.	Team #8	6	Team #3	vs.	Team #7
	6:00pm	7	Team #1	vs.	Team #5	8	Team #2	vs.	Team #6
Saturday	9:00am	9	Team #8	vs.	Team #5	<i>(Flip for Home Team)</i>			
	12:00pm	10	Team #7	vs.	Team #6	<i>(Flip for Home Team)</i>			
	3:00pm	11	Team #4	vs.	Team #1	<i>(Flip for Home Team)</i>			
	6:00pm	12	Team #3	vs.	Team #2	<i>(Flip for Home Team)</i>			

IF no tiebreakers:

Sunday	9:00am	13	2 nd Pool B	vs.	1 st Pool A	Semi-Final
	12:00pm	14	2 nd Pool A	vs.	1 st Pool B	Semi-Final
	3:00pm	15	Winner G13	vs.	Winner G14	Provincial Championship
<i>(Home Team to be team with best record in pool or coin flip)</i>						

IF 3 teams tied for 1st in one/both pools (teams ranked based on tiebreaking rules):

Sunday	10:00am	13	3 rd Pool A	vs.	2 nd Pool A	14	3 rd Pool B	vs.	2 nd Pool B
	1:00pm	15	Winner G14	vs.	1 st Pool A	16	Winner G13	vs.	1 st Pool B
	5:00pm	17*	Winner G15	vs.	Winner G16	Provincial Championship			
<i>(Home Team to be team with best record in pool or coin flip)</i>									

May be moved to Monday at 12:00pm if it is the 3rd game of the day for either/both team(s); unless that team(s) agrees to play 3 games in a day.

In all cross-over Semi-Final and Tiebreaker Provincial Championship games, the higher placed team after the Round Robin may choose to be Home or Visitor.

B. CHAMPIONSHIP HOST APPLICATION & REQUIREMENTS

Teams wishing to apply to host a Provincial Championship must submit a completed Championship Host Application.

Each host site must be able to provide one regulation diamond with appropriate field dimensions (outfield fences, backstop and mounds) for that Category/Division of play.

All teams (including host) at Provincial Championships will be responsible for paying for half of the umpire game fees in games which they participate in. If a 3 man umpire system is used then each team will be responsible for 1 ½ umpire game fees per game played. The umpire travel and accommodation expenses will be covered by Baseball Alberta.

THE HOST TEAM WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR PROVIDING THE FOLLOWING:

1. Assigning a Host Chairperson that will be responsible for organization of the event and all off-field activities during the weekend of play
2. Diamond(s) is/are of proper size for the category involved (fenced with mounds; mounds not mandatory for Mosquito/Pee Wee Community only); proper preparation/maintenance/lining of diamonds prior to each game and effort to keep field playable if it rains
3. Covered dugouts (may use tarps)
4. Official Program with approved front cover (with Baseball Alberta logo) (Optional)
5. List of available accommodations to be provided to traveling teams (host hotels, camping, etc.)
6. Availability of restaurants in the immediate vicinity provided to visiting teams/officials
7. Concession provided at the diamond
8. Official Scorekeepers to be assigned for each game
9. Providing 3 non-team members to sit on Protest Committee (with appropriate knowledge of Baseball Alberta rules)
10. Washrooms available for players, officials and the public
11. Change room or trailer for umpires
12. Meeting room for pre-tournament meeting (Optional)
13. Opening Ceremonies (Optional)
14. Any Additional Liability Insurance for Concession/Food Sales (All Divisions and Events)
15. Liquor License and Liability Insurance for Beer Garden (*only allowed at Junior/Senior/Twilite*)
16. Obtaining Any Required Gaming/Raffle Licenses for 50/50 and/or Raffles utilized for fundraising
17. Providing Access to Water (or providing water to Teams/Officials)
18. Providing an Emergency Plan (to be included in Host Package)
19. Ensure Team Photographs are taken (for all teams) and submitted to Baseball Alberta by August 31, 2017
20. Awards Ceremony provided at Conclusion of Championship

THE HOST TEAM SHOULD/MAY PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING:

1. Second diamond available for practice or games, if necessary
2. Banquet, barbeque or some other function provided for players, coaches and dignitaries
3. Championship t-shirt sales and Championship Photography (with Baseball Alberta logo)
4. Media coverage/announcing games
5. Change room for teams if possible
6. Additional Individual/Team Awards
7. Water for teams, umpires and volunteers

BASEBALL ALBERTA WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR PROVIDING THE FOLLOWING:

1. Gold and Silver Medals
2. Minimum 3 Dozen Official Baseballs of Baseball Alberta (Rawlings) – amount based on number of teams.
3. Tournament Support (tiebreakers, protests, etc.)
4. Assigning Umpires
5. Baseball Alberta will cover all umpire travel and accommodation expenses for all Provincial Championships.
6. Championship MVP Awards (as available based on Baseball Alberta sponsorship)
7. Championship Trophy
8. Support to the Host Chairperson via telephone

PROPOSED HOSTING REGIONS

It is an objective of Baseball Alberta to rotate Championships throughout the Province from year to year in order to balance the numbers of events for umpiring as well as for opportunity for communities to host and promote baseball in all areas of the Province. If no host is available or applies out of that region, then Baseball Alberta will have the right to either recruit another host site in that region or award the host site to another team who applied for the hosting opportunity.

C. PICK-UP PLAYERS (DRAFT)

Pick-Up Players are only permitted in the Pee Wee, Bantam and Midget 'AA' Divisions.

Guidelines

- Pickups can come from anywhere in the province
- Pickup players must be previously registered as of June 1st in the current playing year with Baseball Alberta and cannot be from a higher category of play.**
- Only players playing in Baseball Alberta leagues (House League, 'A', 'AA' and 'AAA') are eligible for teams to use as pick-ups for Provincials/Westerns/Nationals**
- The category or division of play shall be determined by the team with which a player registers.
- For a player who does not register with a team, his individual player registration will determine his age category.
- A player from a lower category/division may be picked up by a team of higher category/division, provided that the team he is registered with has finished its season, and provided that a team from his own category/division has not requested him as a pickup. A player on a suspended team shall remain eligible for pickup.
- There will only two pickups per team. A team will be allowed the following pick-ups, if as of June 1st a team has registered:
 - 18 players – No pick-ups
 - 17 players – 1 pick-up
 - 16 or less players – 2 pick-ups
- Pickups would only be done on rotational draft basis as per the following:

5 TEAM DRAFT			
First	No. 1 Team	Sixth	No. 5 Team
Second	No. 2 Team	Seventh	No. 4 Team
Third	No. 3 Team	Eighth	No. 3 Team
Fourth	No. 4 Team	Ninth	No. 2 Team
Fifth	No. 5 Team	Tenth	No. 1 Team
- All players must be contacted prior to being submitted on the draft form.
- At no time will any team be allowed to choose pickups from any other team still in competition (unless at the discretion of the Registrar).

Any 'A' or 'AA' Tier III/IV player whose team does not qualify for the 'A'/Tier III/Tier IV Provincial Championship may be drafted by any Tier III/IV team qualifying for the Provincial Championship. **Pick-up draft lists for 'AA' Tier III/IV/V teams are due into the Baseball Alberta on the Tuesday prior to the required Provincial Championship.** The Tier III Draft will occur at Noon on Wednesday with the Tier IV pick-up draft occurring immediately following.

Any 'A' or 'AA' player whose team does not qualify for the Tier I or Tier II Provincial Championship may be drafted as a pick-up for the Tier I/Tier II Provincial Championship weekend. **Pick-up draft lists for 'AA' Tier I/II teams are due into the Baseball Alberta on the Tuesday prior to the required Provincial Championship.** Pick-up draft for Tier I will occur at Noon on Wednesday with the Tier II pick-up draft occurring immediately following. No pick-ups for Mosquito Provincial Championships.

All coaches who place a player on their draft list must speak directly to that player's parents (unless 18 years of age) to ensure that player is interested and available. Any player who refuses to be placed on a draft list must be informed that if they refuse to be drafted by any team, they will be deemed unavailable for the draft. Any team whose draft selection refuses to play after the draft has been completed will be given the opportunity to pick up another available player from their original draft list with the approval of the Registrar. First round draft selections will be made by selecting the top player available on each team's draft list, starting with the top ranked team and proceeding down to the bottom ranked team in that Provincial Championship. The second round of draft

selections will again be made by selecting the top player available on each team's draft list, starting with the bottom ranked team and proceeding up to the top ranked team.

POST-PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

A. TEAM ROSTERS

All Pee Wee, Bantam, and Midget 'AAA' teams must agree to and sign the **Baseball Alberta Travel Agreement** provided to them before they will be permitted to attend any Western Canada Baseball Association (WCBA) Tournament or Baseball Canada National Championship.

All 'A' and 'AA' players are eligible to be added to the WCBA (AA or AAA) or Baseball Canada National Championship rosters. Performance players are only eligible to be added to a WCBA Championship AAA roster or a Baseball Canada National Championship roster. A player may play at both the AA WCBA Championship and either the AAA WCBA Championship or the Baseball Canada National Championship.

All players on Baseball Canada National Championships or Western Canada Baseball Association Championships rosters must have been registered with Baseball Alberta by June of the current playing year and must have participated in the Baseball Alberta system.

Pick-Up Process for Post Provincial Play ('AAA' events only) – In situations where 3 Alberta representatives compete in Post Provincial play in the same division, the following order of pick-ups will occur;

National Representative will have first selection of pick-ups. Players listed on a the original roster of teams proceeding to WCBA AAA Championships may be released by their head coach in order for that player to be picked up for play at the National Championship; The team finishing second at the Provincial Championship will have second selection of pick-ups and will compete at WCBA AAA Championship; The team finishing in third will then have third selection of pick-ups and will also compete in the WCBA AAA Championship. Teams are **NOT** permitted to contact potential pick-ups until championship roster deadlines have passed based on ranking. Championship rosters are due into the Baseball Alberta office by the following dates;

- PW WCBA AA – August 11th
- PW WCBA AAA Roster #1 – August 11th by noon
- PW WCBA AAA Roster #2 – August 11th by 3pm
- PW National Roster – August 11th
- Bantam WCBA AA – August 11th
- Bantam National Roster - August 11th
- Bantam WCBA AAA – August 11th
- Midget WCBA AA – August 11th
- Midget National Roster – August 9th
- Midget WCBA AAA Roster – August 7th
- Junior WCBA AAA Roster – August 7th
- Senior WCBA AA Roster – August 11th
- Senior National Roster – August 11th

The **Baseball Canada National Championship** representative team will have first selection of pick-ups with names to be submitted to Baseball Alberta **at least 10 days** prior to the beginning of the tournament. Pick-ups (not preparing for a WCBA AA Championship) may join the representative team on or after Monday, August 7th, 2017. The Baseball Canada National Championship Roster (18 players, 4 Coaches and 1 Trainer maximum; 4th Coach and Trainer at team expense) must be completed and submitted to Baseball Alberta **at least 10 days** prior to the beginning of the tournament.

Players advancing to inter-provincial competition must abide by CFAB rules. A player must be a resident of the province which he is playing for, or become a resident of that province on or before June 1st of the current playing year. A player must be a Canadian citizen or have landed immigrant status.

A player listed on the original roster of a team proceeding to the WCBA AAA Championships *may* be released by their team's head coach in order to allow that player to be picked up for play at the National Championship. A player who is picked up by the WCBA AAA representative team(s) for Provincial Championships will be available for selection to the National Championship roster (does not need coach's approval/release).

Baseball Alberta will assign a Chef de Mission to represent Baseball Alberta's representative teams at the Baseball Canada National Championships. The Chef de Mission will be the official liaison between Championship officials and the team, ensuring that Baseball Alberta is properly represented. The team may also have a Team Manager who manages the off-field aspects of the team (travel, accommodation, meals, etc.).

Baseball Alberta shall appoint a Team Manager/Chef de Mission to accompany the team to the WCBA Championships.

Each coach listed on a AAA Roster of Peewee, Bantam and Midget at a WCBA championship shall have NCCP certification as defined for Baseball Canada National Championships. One coach of a AA Minor, Junior and Girls team must have full NCCP Regional Certified, other coaches, AA Minor, Junior and Girls must be Regional Trained. If a coach does not have the mandatory certification they will not be eligible to participate in the championship as a coach and will not be allowed to sit on the bench or be anywhere near the bench. Their name will also be deleted off of the team's official roster.

Provincial Certified – one coach at Bantam and Midget 'AAA'

Provincial Trained – all other coaches at Bantam and Midget 'AAA'

Regional Certified – one coach at Pee Wee 'AAA', all 'AA' Minor, Junior and Girls

Regional Trained – all other coaches at Pee Wee 'AAA', all 'AA' Minor, Junior and Girls

The **WCBA Championship AA** representative team (top Baseball Alberta Member team from 'AA' Tier I Provincial Championship) will have separate selection and may address potential players as early as Sunday, August 6th for Pee Wee, Bantam & Midget (after winning the right to represent Alberta at the WCBA AA Championship). Any players who accept and are not drafted to the 'AAA' Provincial Championship may practice with the team at any point starting the Monday after the Provincial Championship.

If a player is recruited to join the WCBA AA team as a pick-up player and then is also offered the opportunity to compete at the WCBA AAA or Baseball Canada National Championship, that player will have the choice to participate in both the WCBA AA Championship and one of the AAA Championships or may choose to participate in only one Championship. If that player chooses the AAA Championship opportunity only, then the WCBA AA Championship team will have the ability to replace that player. If the player chooses both opportunities, that player may not join the AAA team until after the WCBA AA Championship is complete (except at the discretion of the coach).

One coach on the WCBA AA roster must have full NCCP Regional Certified status and other coaches must have Regional Trained status.

For Senior, all coaches must complete the NCCP Initiation Coach Online Module.



MAJOR CATEGORY (JUNIOR & SENIOR) RULES

A. JUNIOR 'AAA' AND SENIOR 'AA'

1. Payments for team and player fees must be sent into the Baseball Alberta office on or before July 14th, 2017. Any teams that are not paid in full by this date will not be permitted to participate in Provincial Championships.
2. Rosters:
 - A. Deadline to submit rosters to Baseball Alberta is July 14th, 2017
 - B. Roster Size
 - i. Junior AA and AAA – max. 18 players
 - ii. Senior AA – max. 25 players
 - C. All players on the roster must be:
 - i. Compliant with Baseball Canada player requirements and be an Alberta resident as of June 1st
 - ii. Must be of amateur status or be removed from professional baseball for the current year.
 - iii. Players who sign amateur contracts as “fill-ins” for professional teams must provide contract details to Baseball Alberta prior to the roster being approved.
 - D. Roster Sizes must drop below 16 players in order to make any changes to the original roster after July 14th, 2017.
 - E. Any changes to a team's roster will be dealt with by the Baseball Alberta Registrar.
 - F. Players can only be on one Provincial roster unless approved by the Registrar.
 - G. No pick-ups will be allowed in the Junior & Senior Divisions.
3. Provincial “seedings” (where necessary) will be based on the previous Provincial Championship results. All new entrants will be placed below those teams that competed in the previous year.
4. All Baseball Alberta Junior & Senior Division Provincial Championships are wood/wood composite bat tournaments
5. Rules of Play: Baseball Canada Rules

B. SUNBURST LEAGUE (SENIOR 'AAA')

1. Payment
 - A. The Association/Team Fee must be submitted to the Baseball Alberta office by May 5th, 2017.
 - B. All Player fees are due to the Baseball Alberta office by June 16th, 2017.
2. Rosters
 - A. Maximum roster size of 25 players.
 - B. Initial Rosters must be submitted to the Baseball Alberta office by May 5th, 2017; Final Rosters must be submitted to the Baseball Alberta office by June 16th, 2017.
 - C. No changes to the roster will be permitted after June 16th, 2017.
 - D. If a roster falls below 15 players then teams have the ability to roster replace.
 - E. All players on the roster must be;
 - i. Compliant with Baseball Canada player requirements and be an Alberta resident as of June 1st, 2017.
 - ii. Must be of amateur status or be removed from professional baseball for the current year.
 - iii. Players who sign amateur contracts as “fill-in” for professional teams must provide contract details to Baseball Alberta prior to the roster being approved.
 - F. All rosters must be approved by the Baseball Alberta Registrar.
 - G. Any changes to a team's roster must be approved by the Baseball Alberta Registrar.
 - H. Players are permitted to be on only one provincial roster at the Senior level.
 - I. Players are not permitted to participate in the WMBL as well as Sunburst League after June 16th, 2017.
 - J. Players must be in uniform and present during at least 8 Sunburst League games or have made 5 appearances in scheduled league games (one at bat, 3 defensive outs, or an appearance as a pitcher) in order to be eligible for the League Championship Playoffs.
 - K. Coaches are required to meet at home plate after each game to verify lineup cards and coaches are responsible for retaining lineup cards for verification purposes.
 - L. If ineligible players are used, that team will forfeit the game in which the ineligible player was used.
3. League Play and Championship
 - A. The Sunburst League schedule will be balanced with equal games against each team.

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- B. The top 4 teams, based on regular season standings, will advance to the Sunburst Championship playoffs.
- C. Schedule of Events: League Season – May 5th to July 28th; Playoffs – August 1st to 16th.
- D. The winner of the Sunburst League Championship will be given the right to represent Baseball Alberta at next year's Baseball Canada Senior Men's National Championship.
- 4. All Baseball Alberta Sunburst League play is wood bat/wood composite only.
- 5. Mercy Rule – 10 runs after 7 innings
- 6. Rules of Play: Baseball Canada Rules

FALL BALL RULES

The Baseball Alberta Fall Ball League will be run during the months of September and October for 4 weeks and will give each team 8 games (double headers on Saturday's). The League is seen as **strictly developmental** for all players.

- 1. Payment
 - A. Each team will be required to pay \$400 to enter the Fall Ball Baseball League.
 - B. All umpires fees will be paid by Baseball Alberta.
- 2. Rosters
 - A. A complete roster must be sent to Baseball Alberta prior to the first game. There are no transfer requirements for players participating in Fall Ball.
- 3. Rules
 - A. Unlimited substitution throughout the games (coaches are encouraged to create equal playing time for all players)
 - B. All players in attendance at the game are to be listed on the line-up card and all players will hit in order.
 - C. Game scores and pitch counts do not need to be reported to Baseball Alberta; however coaches are **required** to continue to follow the Pitch Count Guidelines.
 - D. Each team is required to bring 2 new baseballs to each game to provide for the umpire.
 - E. Other than the rules listed above, all other rules will be based on the 'AA' category rules for each division.

All Amendments to Regulations and Playoff Rules are approved by the Baseball Alberta Board of Directors.